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MEASURE TO CLARIFY STUDENT STRIP-SEARCHES ADVANCES

TRENTON—The Assembly Judiciary Committee has approved legislation sponsored by Assemblymen Neil M. Cohen and Gerald Green that would legally prohibit teachers and other school personnel from conducting strip searches or body-cavity searches of students.

Cohen (D-Union) is the author of the 1994 law which limited strip and body-cavity searches by law enforcement. Green (D-Union) represents the legislative district that includes the City of Plainfield, where a mass strip search occurred in a third-grade class in April 1995.

"Strip searches are supposed to be used for criminals, not children," said Cohen. "The notion of strip-searching children sounds like something out of the Spanish Inquisition. It has no place in a 20th Century classroom."

The legislation A-1167 would clarify the procedures a school official should employ when he or she has reasonable grounds to believe that a pupil has committed a criminal offense. It would also require teachers and other school personnel to call a local law enforcement agency if there are reasonable grounds to believe that a student may have committed an act that would constitute a criminal offense if committed by an adult. Teachers and school personnel would have to notify parents of a child who is strip-searched.

Staff members, principals and other education personnel would be prohibited

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NBPA CONDEMNS WHITE COP'S BEATING OF BLACK MAN

TRENTON—The National Black Police Association (NBPA) North East is issued a statement condemning the beating of 21-year-old Shane Daniels by off-duty New York Detective and guard.

"It is this type of premeditated behavior that continues to plague law enforcement at the expenses of African-American and Latino males in particular, but all of America in general," the statement read.

"Hopefully, the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani and Governor Pataki will pursue a conviction on this matter with the vigor that they may have pursued the death penalty." NBPA officials stated.

STATE LAUNCHES '101 SAFEDAYS OF SUMMER' CAMPAIGN

TRENTON—Gov. Christine Whitman recently addressed the Smart-T Jambores Against Underage Drinking at the Garden State Arts Center in Holmdel, and held a press conference to discuss the "101 Safe Days of Summer" campaign, sponsored by the NJ Division of Highway Traffic Safety.

"I urge the next generation—young men and young women like you—to be safe, sober, and buckled in every time you step into a car, and to make sure your friends and classmates do the same," said the Governor.

She stressed the importance of combating underage drinking through programs like the Attorney General's new "Cops in Shops" program, which aims to keep underage people from buying alcohol or persuading adults to buy it for them. This new effort places undercover police officers in liquor stores, both as employees and patrons, to arrest anyone who breaks the laws concerning underage drinking.

With the high increase in highway travel in New Jersey during the summer months, more people are at risk of being injured on the state's roadways. The New Jersey State Police will be encouraging safe and sober driving, and will be stepping up police activities throughout the "101 Safe Days of Summer" campaign.

PUTTING CHILDREN FIRST

from the National Rainbow Coalition

WASHINGTON, DC—If President Clinton is looking for a theme to run on this fall, JaxFax has a suggestion: "Put Children First!" When the president begins to search for that big idea that could place his name in the history books, we suggest he consider saving our kids.

The data is clear, and saddening. According to the Children's Defense Fund (CDF), sponsors of last Saturday's "Stand for Children" gathering at the Lincoln Memorial, every day in America:

- 15 children are killed by fire arms
- 2,833 children drop out of school
- 2,660 babies are born into poverty
- 8,493 children are reported abused or neglected.

In America

The National Priorities Project (NPP), together with the Common

Agenda Coalition (CAC), recently issued a report called "Reality Check: America's Heart of Soul—Our Children at Risk." They concluded the following about the state of our kids:

- 21.8 percent of children in the US—15.3 million—live in poverty. This is 3 to 5 times the rates of Western European nations.
- Many of our cities have child poverty rates higher than 1/3, and African-American child poverty rates over 1/2.
- 10 million children nationwide have no health insurance.
- 13 million kids across the country live in families that run out of food before the end of each month.
- America lacks 4.7 million affordable housing units, the most on record.
- Half of urban America lives in housing that costs more than 30 percent of their income (and half of all public housing built during the past 10 years is made up of jail cells).

In America

The NPP report publishes a chart by A.L. Shapiro, showing this nation's rankings compared to 15 other major industrialized countries. The US ranks 15th in infant mortality, 15th in health care coverage, 15th in school day care attendance, 15th in science test scores, and 12th in math test scores.

In America

Yet the original budget proposals of the Gingrich-led GOP Congress demonstrate:

- \$193 billion in cuts to social programs, most to programs that improve the quality of life for children
- \$40 billion in increases in military spending (despite the end of the Cold War)
- \$245 billion in tax breaks that mostly have benefited the richest 1 percent (on top of the massive tax breaks these wealthy Americans had already received during the Reagan Era)

• The removal of the federal guarantee for Medicaid coverage for the poor, including poor children. We can do better than this.

The truth is that investments in our young end up not only saving our lives, they save our society money. CDF's research indicates that every \$1.00 spent on:

- WIC saves \$4 in hospital costs
- Medicaid saves \$3.38 in hospital costs
- Head Start saves \$4.75 in social services
- Title I saves \$6.66 in repeated grades
- Job Corps saves \$1.45 in social services
- Immunization saves \$10 in hospital costs

We will pay now, or we can pay later. The Rainbow has long been committed to America's young, and endorsed the "Stand for Children" program held recently. We agree with Hillary Clinton that "it takes a village" to raise a child, but we do believe that in a time of crisis affecting the lives of our society's most vulnerable, it takes impassioned leadership, and a serious government commitment.

"Putting Children First" could serve as an historic (and moral) basis for a second term, as well as a popular theme for re-election. (As compared to, say, "triangulation.")

We need to lift up, not just lock up, our youth. We need to move away from a criminal justice system which is now the number 1 growth industry in urban America. The U.S. already leads the

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Kenyatta Green graduates Harvard Law School

PLAINFIELD—On June 6, Kenyatta Green, an 18-year resident of Plainfield, will graduate from Harvard Law School with a Doctorate of Juris Prudence. After taking the Michigan bar exam this summer, Mr. Green will begin his legal career as an Associate with Honigman, Miller, Schwartz & Cohn in Detroit. He will concentrate in the area of corporate law.

Mr. Green holds a B.S. in Finance from Hampton University. He graduated summa cum laude in 1992. He is a member of Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society and a Brother of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Before attending law school, he worked for AT&T in Warren, NJ, as a financial analyst.

Mr. Green is the son of Mrs. Juliane W. Miller, President and CEO of Plainfield Health Center, and Dr. Leon Green, Assistant Chief, Psychology Service, East Orange VA Medical Center.



Kenyatta Green

NIMH wastes millions on psychiatric racism

by Bonnie Barnes

LOS ANGELES, CA—The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) has recently claimed that the "Violence Initiative," which was aimed at finding "violent genes" in inner-city youth, has ended. However, according to the Citizens Commission on Human Rights (CCHR), abstracts of NIMH's grants in the last year show the opposite and that only the name has changed.

International President of CCHR and author of the book, *Creating Racism: Psychiatry's Betrayal*, Jan Eastgate, reported that psychiatric and psychological departments in New York universities and research agencies have given more than \$3.1 million in 1995 to study "violence" prone African-American groups and inner-city youth.

In one study by Cornell University Medical Center, 40 New York schools are the target of a treatment and control program for "drug abuse" and "violence" prevention intervention.

"It all sounds innocuous—even humanitarian on paper until you realize the racist history of these programs, even well before the 'Violence Initiative,'" she stated. "Since 1963, psychiatric drugs have been poured into the major inner-city areas such as New York, Washington, Chicago and Los Angeles through Community Mental Health Centers (CMHCs)."

Eastgate stated that it is well documented that the drugs cause violent and aggressive behavior, and after admission to a CMHC, patient arrest rates for criminal activities are nearly double the rate of the general population.

"Since the establishment of CMHCs, drug abuse violations in the African-American community have risen 2,900 percent. It was a NIMH psychiatrist who recommended the program of CMHCs in the first place,"

Eastgate stated. According to her, *Creating Racism: Psychiatry's Betrayal* cuts through the social veneer and the "kindly image" psychiatric portrayals and shows that it has spawned racism and even apartheid. More than 70,000 copies of the booklet have been distributed free to African-American and South African communities.

"We want to ensure that as many people as possible are alerted to the fact that psychiatric and psychological programs—many of them implemented in schools and without patients' knowledge—are totally ineffective and destructive and should not be funded by taxpayer dollars."

"... It is psychiatrists' studies that claim blacks could be 'tured' if their skin turned white, that their intelligence could be improved if they had 'white' blood, that blacks could not be educated because of their 'inferiority,' and that 'ranked' the 'brain capacity' of blacks are less than Europeans," Eastgate continued.

One 1946 study asserted that because Africans "made up for their lack of speed" with their "rhythm," they could tolerate the monotony of machine operative work better than whites. "Fifty years later, NIMH psychiatrist Frederick Goodwin, compared blacks to hyper-aggressive monkeys in a jungle."

According to CCHR, today, psychiatrists cloud racism with terms like "violence intervention." More than \$244,000 was given to one university last year to compare the violence of African Americans in the U.S. to 15,000 Turkana nomadic herders in North West Kenya.

"This has to be stopped and that starts with people being empowered with knowledge. If African Americans can say 'no' to being the guinea-pigs of NIMH studies, if they accept only workable and proven programs that

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NAACP and NBL to host affirmative action seminar

by Avery Grant

ATLANTIC CITY—The New Jersey State National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and the National Business League of New Jersey/Financial Consortium will host an Affirmative Action seminar on Thursday, June 20th in the Ball's Park Plaza Casino, Atlantic City.

State NAACP president, Dr. Elaine Harrington and NBL chairman, Howard T. Robinson announced the seminar, said, "The seminar theme, 'Affirmative Action—Its History, Its Present Affirmative Action as an effective tool for economic development,' was prompted by comments from President Clinton ('Mend it, don't end it') and Governor Whitman ('affirmative action as an effective tool for economic development'), and the seminar presents a unique and timely opportunity to present to both of these positive endorsements for Affirmative Action policy."

The seminar will start at 9:45 a.m. with keynote speaker, Honorable Arthur Fletcher, "Father of Affirmative Action" and commissioner and former chairman of the United States Civil Rights Commission. There will



Dr. Elaine Harrington



Howard Robinson

be three workshops exploring the three phases of the seminar theme, with moderators, Jerome Harris of Rowan College, Dr. Henry Johnson, City News publisher, and Melvin Primas, Managing Director of Commerce Capital and former mayor of Camden and former commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Community Affairs.

The three panels will consist of experienced personnel from NAACP, NBL, state and federal government, advocacy organizations, private industry, and colleges.

Commissioner Gualthero Medina, New Jersey Department of Commerce, will represent Governor Whitman, and be the luncheon speaker, Honorable

Mary Frances Berry, Chairman of the United States Civil Rights Commission will be the banquet speaker. At the banquet ten Affirmative Action champions and benefactors will be honored.

Robinson said, "This seminar is unique because it will produce a substantial report to be sent to President Clinton, Governor Whitman, and the political conventions, with recommendations to assist in structuring policy for continuing Affirmative Action as an effective tool for economic development."

Harrington also noted that, "It is also unique, as this is the first time that our two venerable organizations have participated jointly in an affair." They are planning two other seminars on education and employment.

The seminar fee will be \$150, which includes the workshops, luncheon, banquet and Arthur Fletcher's video on Affirmative Action. For information, call 908-484-9737.

Baltimore's Great Blacks in Wax Museum—a must see

by Avery Grant

BALTIMORE, MD.—The Great Blacks in Wax Museum is a "must see" for all Americans when visiting the harbor city of Baltimore. That was the sentiment of the bus driver with a group of students, parents and teachers from the West Haven Elementary School of Memphis, TN.

He said, "We were touring Washington, DC, and I suggested to our principal that the students see one of our great black history and learn of our proud traditions."

The museum is a dynamic cultural and educational institution, and the presentation of more than 100 life-like wax figures highlighting historical and contemporary personalities of African ancestry defines its uniqueness. Museum guide, John Jones, told the group, "The intent of the wax museum is to give you a spiritual and physical presence of your historical greatness."

Jones from Grambling, LA, formerly taught English



Great Blacks in Wax Museum Guide John Jones (l) discusses the slave ship experience at a candle showing a female slave being shackled by a crew member.

at Morgan State University and Coppin State College, continued, "There are others who will try to discourage you and tell you that there was no such greatness, but this museum is here to tell you the truth. Like the Civil Rights Museum, in your city of Memphis, it is a place to come to and get re-energized."

The tour starts with the great leaders of Africa, then the Slave Ship Experience, with devastating scenes of man's inhumanity to man, depicting men, women and children chained in the hold of a full-size slave ship—diseased, starving, beaten, and abused by the ship's crew, and it progresses through the colonial period with scenes of the Underground Railroad, Revolutionary War, Civil War, Reconstruction period, Western Frontier to our modern Civil Rights Era, depicting civil rights leaders, scientist and inventors, astronauts, physicians, military, and touching on all aspects of the African American heritage.

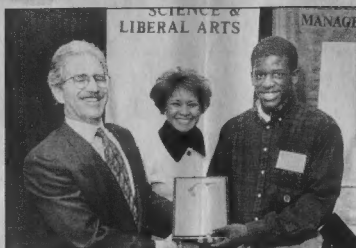
Jones said, "It was kind of painful for us to go back in

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PEOPLE

Amos Britton recognized for outstanding leadership at NJIT



NEWARK—Amos A. Britton (r) of Maplewood is presented with the Sophomore Student Leadership Award by Joel Bloom (l), associate vice president of Academic Affairs, and Eida Berrio (c), dean of Student Services, during the annual New Jersey Institute of Technology Leadership Award Reception. Britton is a chemical engineering major at NJIT. He worked as an undergraduate researcher in the Freshman Engineering Design Laboratory during the 1995-1996 academic year. He is president of the Black Association of Student Engineers and a member of the National Society of Black Engineers. He also served as student co-chair of the 1996 African Heritage Month planning committee. Britton is a volunteer at the Urban League of Essex County, Toastmasters International at Elmwood Presbyterian Church and the Get-Out-The-Vote Presidential Campaign. Each year one student is recognized for outstanding leadership from the undergraduate and graduate class.



JERSEY CITY—At a recent campus ceremony, Jersey City State College awarded trophies to the winners in the men's and women's divisions of a College Biatlon that was held during JCSC's third annual "Health & Wellness Week." Trophies were presented to sophomore Joe Greiner (3rd from r) of Jersey City and graduate student Roger Campbell (2nd from r) of Jersey City who tied for first place in the men's division, and freshman Yaiza Gomez of Jersey City who placed first in the women's division.

Community Calendar

THURSDAY, JUNE 5
NEW YORK—Spirit Cruises presents its 1996 Gospel Cruise Series aboard the Spirit of New York and Spirit of New Jersey. For more info call 212-727-7798 or 201-867-6201.

JUNE 5 AND 9
LINCROFT—Monmouth County Park System invites area women to participate in a two-session Women's Rock Climbing workshop. For more info call 908-842-4000.

THURSDAY, JUNE 6
NEW BRUNSWICK—New Jersey State Bar Foundation will host a free landlord/tenant rights seminar from 7 to 9 p.m. at the New Jersey Law Center. For more info call 1-800-FREE-LAW.

JUNE 6 THRU 20
LINCROFT—Monmouth County Park System sponsors a beginner photography course from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the Thompson Park Visitor Center. For more info call 908-842-4000.

JUNE 7 & 8
LINDEN—Mythic Vision Players presents Dan Goggin's musical comedy "Nunsense" at the Linden High School Auditorium at 8 p.m. For more info call 908-925-1389 or 908-925-9068.

JUNE 7 & 14
Causus Educational Corporation presents "Families in Focus" on Cable Television Network of NJ at 12 p.m.

BEGINNING, JUNE 7
CRAWFORD—Union County College's "Fantastic Fridays," a set of one-day computer training seminars from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For more info call 908-709-7000.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8
NEWARK—The World Gospel Music Association of New Jersey and The Newark Museum present a gospel music performance 2 p.m. at the Museum. For more info call 201-596-6550.

WESTFIELD—The Parents Club of the Westfield Neighborhood Council presents "Changing Faces" 1st annual Spring Fashion Show and Buffet from 3:00 p.m. at the Westfield Y.

EAST ORANGE—East Orange YMCA will host its 1st Annual Pre-Father's Day Spring Fair from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more info call 201-673-5588 (days) or 201-674-0306 and 201-676-4852 (nights).

NEWARK—New Jersey Coalition of the Million Man March, Inc. and Council-

women at Large Mildred Crump present a New Jersey Million Man March Headquarters Pledge-A-Thon, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at Lincoln Park, featuring food, music vendors, talent shows and more. For more info call 201-660-6187 or 201-242-4912.

FREEHOLD—Monmouth County Park System has scheduled a kayak rolling session in the pool at Monmoco Activity Area in Turkey Swamp Park from 4 to 7 p.m. For more info call 908-842-4000.

SUNDAY, JUNE 9
NEWARK—The Newark Boys Chorus presents its annual all-school concert at The Newark Museum's Billy Johnson Auditorium at 2:30 p.m. For more info call 201-596-6550.

MONDAY, JUNE 10
NEW YORK—Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture and The New York Public Library present "The Substance of Things Hoped For: Conversations with Dr. Cornel West," featuring Senator Bill Bradley at the Schomburg Center at 7 p.m. For more info call 212-491-2206.

BEAUMAR—The New Jersey Department of Commerce, Division of Travel and Tourism presents the 10th annual New Jersey Sandcastle Contest from 9 a.m. to noon at the 5th Avenue Pavilion Beach.

JUNE 10 AND 17
JERSEY CITY—The Center for Business and Industry of Hudson County Community College presents a course in "Telephone Techniques and Office Skills" at 6:30 p.m. For more info call 201-714-2107.

TUESDAY, JUNE 11
FAIRWOOD—Becoma Literacy Volunteer Training workshop begins at Fairwood Public Library from 6 to 9 p.m. For more info call 908-755-7996.

JUNE 11 THRU 14
EAST ORANGE—The City of East Orange is sponsoring a three-day trip to Colonial Williamsburg Bush Gardens in Virginia. For more info call 201-286-8833.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12
FREEHOLD—Monmouth County Park System has planned a nature walk along the lake at Turkey Swamp Park from 10 to 11 a.m. For more info call 908-842-4000.

JERSEY CITY—The New Jersey Housing and Mortgage Finance Agency will hold a free seminar on obtaining low-interest mortgage loans at Hudson County Community College from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more info call 201-714-2107.



Girl Scout honors community advocates and corporations

The Girl Scout Council of Greater Essex County held its 4th Annual Women of Distinction Luncheon on Thursday, April 18. Honored for their outstanding community outreach efforts were Lillian C. Borrono, Director of the Port Commerce Department for the Port Authority, NY/NJ, (3rd from l) and Rosemary Jefferson, founder of the Children in Need of Donations From You Foundation, and representative of National Westminster Bank (4th from l). Mistress of ceremonies for the event was Belinda Morton Caraballo (2nd from l), a reporter for New Jersey Network. Standing by are senior girl scout Lillian Knox (l), Jan Lillen, (c) Edna Baugh (2nd from r) and senior girl scout Kerri Allen (r).

Essex County Prosecutor's Office to hold charity race

NEWARK—Essex County Prosecutor Clifford J. Minor has announced that the Eighth Annual Charity Run, sponsored by the Essex County Prosecutor's Office, to benefit the American Cancer Society, will be held rain or shine Sunday, June 8, starting at 9 a.m. at the South Mountain Reservation in South Orange. Each entrant/contributor will receive a 1996 Charity Run T-shirt whether the entrant runs or not. The donation of \$15 goes to support the American Cancer Society's programs of patient service, public education and research. Registration will be held on the day of the race. For further information, please call the Essex County Prosecutor's Office at 201-621-4663.

NJHC awards 24 grants

TRENTON—At its April meeting the New Jersey Historical Commission awarded 24 grants totaling \$114,438. Twenty-one of which were awarded to applicants at the February deadline. The other three provided additional funding for existing special grants.

The grants support research, teaching, conservation, oral history, publications, and media production as well as conferences and exhibitions. Among the topics of this cycle's projects are Girl Scout artifacts, Trenton's ceramics industry, the histories of Lambertville and the Monistach An. Colony, and African-American musicians and music teachers in South Jersey.

Some grants will support films and books, and others will assist in the conservation of map and photograph collections. That will increase public access to historical materials. One grant will help to establish a conservation laboratory to serve history-related groups.

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EDITORIAL

Getting it together

Today, there is a lot of rhetoric about what black people should be doing to get things together for progress. Within the past year, we have seen the Million Man March as concrete evidence that hundreds of thousands of black men and women are looking to see a change from the downward spiral of growing racism, and lack of opportunity as well as the self-destructive behavior exhibited in the black community.

A more recent example of this need to come together is contained in this issue of City News as we feature the Corporate Report which is a special section focusing on black corporate employees and their activities through their newsletter, Joe Durham, president of the New Jersey Chapter of the Alliance states it succinctly, "We now recognize that it is only through collaborative efforts with all segments of the African-American community along with key components of the community at large, that we can most effectively and efficiently improve the quality of life for everyone."

City News welcomes the inclusion of ATEA and Bell Atlantic in our paper. We strongly recommend that all our readers not only read but try to get an understanding of what black corporate employees are attempting to do inside and outside of corporate America to bring about positive change.

For City News, hopefully this is the beginning of many strategic partnerships which build the community, build better understanding between corporate and community entities, and build your source for news about black people, the black press.

by William Reed

Since the 1960s, a significant number of African Americans have risen above most other blacks on the social and economic scale. The black middle-class has gone from under 10 percent of the population to over 25 percent in the past three decades. The number of African Americans who have been put into positions to help the race, such as elected officials, corporate managers and executives and public and private sector appointees, has increased, in some cases ten-fold.

But, what has been the bottom-line results for the black race from the advances of these few? Some black politicians have been in the Congress and state houses for over 20 years while the areas they were elected to represent have "gone to hell in a hand basket."

Most corporate executives moved to suburban to live a life representative of their new positions, escaping the blight and deterioration of the innercities. For far too many of today's black middle-class have arrived and the heck with those who "ain't got theirs."

So has the sun set on the struggle for total black freedom? Have those who entered the halls of Congress and corporations closed the door behind them and forgotten about the struggles of the rest of us must endure daily? Who among our so-called "leaders" in the business and political worlds is willing to say to corporations and leaders of the country that they are in charge of positive and effective outreach to black Americans and are willing to offer measurable examples of such work?

Which ones among the African-American middle class have illustrated their efforts to reach back into our communities and help to elevate the lives of blacks still struggling to get jobs, supplier contracts and economic stability? Who among our "leaders" is accountable enough that he/she will write an open letter and detail for the Black Community, that they represent in board rooms and legislative chambers, what they've done for us lately? The following is an open letter that Benjamin S. Rutlin, vice president of Corporate Affairs for R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, of Winston-Salem, NC wrote about his work. It is worthwhile for blacks who've achieved, and those still seeking to achieve, to reflect on his comments and see that, for him, the sun has yet to set on the struggle for broad and far-reaching freedoms.

"When we reflect on those who've paid the ultimate price for freedom and the progress we've achieved because of their sacrifices, it's easy to think that the struggle for freedom is over. But every morning we're reminded that freedom is not solidly within our grasp. And the struggle begins again.

Days after day, relentlessly, we must keep freedom in the forefront of our minds. Freedom for our families. Freedom for the next generation. Freedom in the workplace. Here, at R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Company, we salute men and women like you... the torchbearers who are continuing to struggle for freedom today. As a leader at R.J. Reynolds, I am proud that our company supports:

- Families—by providing jobs with an average salary of \$45,000 per year.
- Minority Business—through our minority purchasing programs and our efforts to provide oppor-

tunities for all businesspersons to conduct business with our company.

• Diversity—by our commitment to the principles of affirmative action throughout our entire organization.

• Communities—by supporting for the past 25 years, more than 100 minority organizations and programs that are committed to building and restoring communities and providing educational opportunities for our youth.

• Celebrations of Freedom—by honoring those who devote their lives to the cause of freedom. That's why we observe Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday as one of our paid holidays.

As we all continue to pursue freedom, examples like these give us hope and encouragement that, one day, freedom may very well be ours."

Particularly in these times, don't we need more people like Rutlin to step forward and tell the world that "I'm not free until all my people are free to pursue jobs, contracts, my life, liberties and happiness on equal footing with others in this country."

ALONG THE COLOR LINE

The death penalty—twenty-first century lynching

by Dr. Manning Marable

Over a century ago, after the demise of Reconstruction, a totalitarian system of race and class control came to dominate throughout the South—"Jim Crow segregation." Economically, African Americans were forced into sharecropping, working on the

white man's property for only a fraction of the profits, earning from their labor. Politically, black men were denied the right to vote and to run for public office. Socially, black people were not permitted to have access to public accommodations, from hotels to restaurants.

Inside the criminal justice system,

blacks were assigned to chain gangs, working up to sixteen hours a day. But the key element of oppression, which kept the entire system in place, was lynching.

Between 1880 to 1920, more than 5,000 African Americans were lynched across the South. Lynching was used not to punish people tried and con-

victed of having committed crimes. Its purpose was to terrorize an entire population, seizing innocent victims, without warning, to be tortured, mutilated and killed. Lynching was used as a means of social control, reinforcing the rule of white supremacy.

Today, on the eve of the 21st century, the pattern of racial and class inequality still remains within American society. Economically, blacks still "redline" communities, denying credit and capital to black consumers and entrepreneurs. The pattern of police harassment and violations of civil rights still exists in major cities.

Politically, we're now witnessing a rollback from the civil rights reforms of the sixties, with affirmative action, minority economic set-asides, majority-minority legislative districts all under assault.

But a critical component of this structure of white political and corporate power and privilege is the death penalty, which functions almost identically to lynching a century ago.

An overwhelming majority of white Americans favor the death penalty. Recent public opinion polls indicate that African Americans are nearly divided over the issue. However, the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty based in Washington, DC provides some persuasive reasons to oppose this "cruel and unusual" form of punishment.

Advocates of the death penalty argue that executions serve to reduce the rates of violent crime. The fact is that murder rates are actually lower in states that have abolished the death penalty. According to FBI statistics, in 1992, the murder rates in states

which have abolished the death penalty averaged 4.9 murders per 100,000 population; states still using the death penalty averaged 9.1 murders per 100,000 population.

The death penalty costs far more than life imprisonment. Capital cases always take more time and are far more expensive to the public. The jury selection is longer, and the appeals process is much more complicated. In Texas, for example, six years of the death penalty has cost the state over \$180 million. In the decade after Florida reestablished the death penalty, that state had spent an estimated \$57 million to execute 18 people.

From the vantage point of black and Latino people, however, the death penalty must be condemned, if for no

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FROM CAPITOL HILL

A bad week for President Clinton?

by Askia Muhammad



To say that Bill C. had a bad week in Washington is an understatement. More like a Billy Carter week. It's the highlighting political weeks Bill Clinton had been enjoying.

But then, with warm weather, someone turned on the fan. What did they do that for? Because the you-know-what hit the fan, and went everywhere.

First, through no fault of the President, Admiral Jeremy Mike Borda, the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) apparently shot himself to death. That was a deep personal loss to Mr. Clinton, a grave loss to the Navy, and a tragedy for the entire nation.

Then, with that military tragedy on the public's mind, and the Memorial Day Holiday looming, Republicans get hold of Mr. Clinton's legal brief to the Supreme Court arguing for postponing the sexual harassment suit against him, until after he leaves office. The president's lawyer argued that as Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces, Mr. Clinton deserved protection under 1849 law which protects active-duty military personnel from facing civil suits. It was a political cartoonist's field day.

To top that off, his former business partners, Jim and Susan McDougal, and Jim Gray's father, his successor as Governor of Arkansas, were all convicted of 24 charges including mail and bank fraud in the Whitewater affair, despite the fact that the president testified on their behalf, challenging the testimony of a convicted liar and bank swindler.

What's next? His hand-picked

choices in the Israeli and Russian elections—Prime Minister Shimon Peres and President Boris Yeltsin—are both defeated in elections after Mr. Clinton's quiet support.

With rare exceptions, members of the U.S. Navy wear one of two different kinds of hats. There are the soft, white "sailor hats," and there are the more traditional military hats with hard brims. It is said in the "fleet," (mostly among those humble sailors at the bottom of the promotion ladder, who must wear the soft hats) that of the two types, Navy life doesn't really begin until one gets a "hard hat." Hard hats are earned when an enlisted man reaches the rank of E-7, just petty officer.

No one knew that better than Adm. Borda, who became the first sailor ever to rise from Seaman Recruit E-1 (the entry grade of the enlisted ranks), to become the Chief of Staff, the commanding admiral. It is also said of the Pentagon, where four-star Adm. Borda served, that everyone who has more than one star is serving in a "political," rather than merit-based position. It is said that Adm. Borda's public appearance to have been prompted by carping, backbiting (some of it in the form of anonymous letters published in a widely read military journal), and apparent jealousy.

Adm. Borda learned what black sailors and soldiers who fought in the "integrated" military in the Korean, Vietnam, and Desert Storm conflicts already knew... that sometimes your worst enemy wears the same uniform you do.

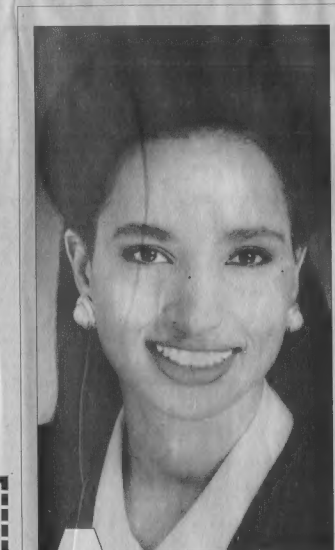
President Clinton, as Commander-in-Chief, (Sen. Jesse Helms' warning about the president needing a "bodyguard" to visit military bases in North Carolina, not withstanding) appears to be learning that same message. Of course the president deserves the same respect that any person serving the country in military uniform deserves and receives. Never mind his condition of previous military "scrutiny," or lack of military service.

When the president laid a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknowns at Arlington National Cemetery, he conferred the honor of his office to the occasion. He is still the president of all the people in this country, not just the pro-war "hawks" or the pro-peace "doves." Mr. Clinton's war record, or the war record of any other president who performed the same ritual did not, does not, and should not matter at this solemn time.

Former Texas Republican Presidential candidate Sen. Phil Gramm finished his way out of military service during the Vietnam War getting deferments as a student then as a university instructor. His offense was even greater than was Mr. Clinton's because he was a "hawk." And what is the distinguished military background of Republican Presidential candidate Pat Buchanan? What is the military resume of Steve Forbes? On this one score at least, Mr. Clinton is getting a bump, along the lines of the treatment of Billy Carter, that other Bill C. who got Secret Service protection from everyone except the pundits in Washington.

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Kids Kalendar

THURSDAY, JUNE 22
SHREWSBURY—Mommouth County Park System offers introductory gymnastics for kids ages 3 to 10 at Shrewsbury Gymnastic School. For more info call 908-842-4000.

MIDDLETOWN—Advanced baby ballet for kids ages 3 to 5, 10 to 15 to 11 a.m. at Tatum Park Activity Center. For more info call 908-842-4000.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 20
NEW BRUNSWICK—DANCE POWER students will perform at 7:30 p.m. at McKinley School. For more info call 908-241-1254.

SATURDAY, JUNE 9
NEWARK—The Newark Public Schools After School Youth Development Program is accepting registration for the Just One City-wide Intercollegiate Chess Tournament at 10 a.m. at Mt. Vernon Elementary School. For more info call 201-733-4468.

SUNDAY, JUNE 9
WATCHHILL—The 5th Annual Center will hold a reception for the children's art exhibit from 1 to 4 p.m. For more info call 908-733-0190.

OPENING, JUNE 12
NEWARK—The New Jersey Historical Society presents The Kids Bridge exhibition at 230 Broadway. For more info call 201-463-3939.

Celebration listings should be sent two weeks in advance to ensure publication

Two Plainfield schools qualify for science grants

PLAINFIELD—Space science instruction and a simulated space mission planned for students won Plainfield Township a \$4,900 grant from the Union Carbide Foundation of Danbury, CT.

Meanwhile, the Jefferson School was selected to participate in the New Jersey Statewide Science Initiative, qualifying for a \$1,000 grant to support science, math and technology education. Teachers at Jefferson will study the construction of thematic sessions employing cooperative learning and hands-on teaching methods.

The simulated space mission to be conducted next school year at the Evergreen School will integrate math, science and technology instruction. The first step in the program is training, team building and in depth instruction in space for the teachers.

Second annual TEEN ARTS poetry reading

SPRINGFIELD—The Union County Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs will host the Second Annual TEEN ARTS Poetry Reading at Barnes and Noble in Springfield on June 11.

The event which is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. will feature oral interpretations of poetry written and presented by Union County students. Selections are from the Union County TEEN ARTS Festival held in March at Union County College in Cranford. Student readers will represent eight Union County schools.

For information about the Union County TEEN Arts Program contact the Office of Cultural and Heritage Affairs at 908-528-2550.

McDonald's presents \$21,000 to fellowship award winners



NEW YORK—McDonald's kicks off its 1996 Fellowship Awards program by honoring last year's Fellowship winners at a breakfast ceremony at McDonald's Restaurant in Harlem. The winners were all smiles as they displayed their certificate of excellence. Each Fellowship Award, worth \$1,000 is applied to the recipient's education, and paid directly to the educational or religious/spiritual learning institution that the individual attends or plans to attend. This year, McDonald's awarded Fellowships to 21 recipients. The recipients shown are (l-r) Chanelle Rogers of Manhattan; Elizabeth Bisseth and Karon Gooden of Brooklyn; Michelle Butterfield of Manhattan; Annette Broadnax of Brooklyn; Charles Philips, McDonald's Owner/Operator, Ron Bailey, McDonald's Owner/Operator and Opal Hope Bennett of Manhattan. For 1996 McDonald's Fellowship Awards application, please call 201-761-4747.

Make Chanta's dream a reality



Chanta Hunter

PISCATAWAY—Piscataway teen Chanta D. Hunter is living an experience that many can only dream about. She will be representing New Jersey in the 16th United States Junior Olympic Team Track and Field Championships this

June. Seventeen-year-old Chanta will participate in the 8-day event which is scheduled to take place in Orlando, FL, from June 24 to July 1. Chanta, a junior at Edison's Bishop Ahr High school needs sponsorship help with her expenses for the Olympics because the team is not receiving state sponsorship. New Jersey's Track and Field team is the only participant not being sponsored by its state.

Chanta started Karate eight years ago as a member of the Plainfield Athletic League Karate Team. She has a brown belt, as well as five grand champion trophies and over 100 medals, plaques, and trophies, ranking from third to place.

According to Chanta her most prestigious award was earned in 1993 when she won The 1993 Garden State Games Karate Governor's Cup. After winning the trophy however, she injured her left knee and was unable to

compete. Through family support, determination and therapy she recovered and is now in top shape.

She has maintained an A-B average in all classes throughout her educational years and states "I believe you must be a good student to be a good athlete."

Chanta is a member of the Spanish and Dance Clubs and is a homeroom representative and says she excels most in Advanced Placement Mathematics, Chemistry and Spanish III.

This energetic and quite busy young lady also has time to do volunteer work through Epilone Alpha Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa's Xinos youth group. "The group is committed to academic growth and development, community service, and the betterment of the neighborhoods in which we live," stated Chanta.

To send donations for Chanta's Olympic expenses please write to her at 421 Canterbury Court Piscataway, NJ 08854.

Festival for Kids benefits teen parenting program

PLAINFIELD—For two days in June, downtown Plainfield will be turned into a "Festival for Kids." The Park Madison area between Park Avenue and Front Street will be the scene of free live entertainment, pony rides, food booths and health care screening units.

"The Festival for Kids" is a joint benefit project by the Teen Parenting Program of the Plainfield Public Schools and the AT&T Foundation.

The program's goals are to enable school age parents to meet their parenting, vocational and health care responsibilities. Graduates of the program have gone on to higher education or meaningful employment.

Face painting artists will be on hand and kids will be able to play all who they would like to be when they grow up as well as rummage through a garage of a generation ago.

Besides rides and lots of food,

parents will be able to register their children for kindergarten for next fall as well as receive free immunizations. For registered children, parents must have the child's immunization record, proof of residence and birth certificate.

The fun begins on Saturday, June 8 at 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. and on Sunday, June 9 from 12 noon until 6 p.m. rain or shine.

Adult volunteers are still needed to be face painters, tattoo artists or clowns. Others are needed to collect and manage the food tent or work with the entertainers. Volunteers should call Glendora Troy at 201-898-8456 or Pat Fields at 201-898-3411.

Students network at minority conference



NEWARK—Newark high school seniors and PSEAG President and CEO Larry Coder (3rd from r) unwind after a long day of networking at the recent three-day International Minority Business Corporation's Conference. Twenty-seven students attended the event which had representatives from First Union and PSEAG on hand.

Conrail 24 Challenge reaches NJ classrooms

JERSEY CITY—Conrail is funding a successful public-private education partnership designed to enhance the math skills of New Jersey school children.

This year the Conrail 24 Challenge Math Program provides materials to some 20,000 classrooms in six regions: New Jersey, Central Pennsylvania, Pittsburgh, Detroit, Buffalo as well as the state of Ohio. In New Jersey, the Conrail 24 Challenge program reaches some 6,000 classrooms (grades four through eight) in Essex, Hudson, Mercer, Monmouth, Middlesex and Union counties.

"According to David LeVan,

Conrail's president and chief executive officer, Our corporate contribution program is important to us, and the 24 Challenge Math Program is a perfect example of the efforts we like to fund; it is directed at youth, the future of tomorrow; it is directed at education, the key to ensuring the future; and it involves mathematics, which is integral to so many career paths."

At the foundation of the Conrail 24 Challenge Math Program is the 24 game, a math-teaching tool proven to motivate pupils from all socioeconomic backgrounds. The 24 game has reached five million pupils nationwide and abroad, since 1988.

The 24 game is simple. Just add, subtract, multiply and/or divide the four numbers on a 24 game card. Use each number, but each one only once, to reach the answer—24.

For further information on the New Jersey statewide Conrail 24 Challenge Math Program, please contact Jill Press at 312-337-8879.

Cablevision salutes the class of '96

NEWARK—Cablevision, once again is reaching out to all the high schools in Newark and South Orange for the "Cablevision Salutes the Class of '96" video taping.

This will consist of class presidents, valedictorians and salutatorians representing their high school's graduating class in a series of 30-second commercial spots that will run all summer long on Channel 3 as well as other cable networks such as Black Entertainment Television, CNN, TNT, TBS, Madison Square Garden, ESPN, and USA.

For additional information on the taping call Don Viuppre at 201-645-6940.

This Week in Black History

JUNE 5
 1783—Oliver Cromwell, an African-American soldier who served in the Revolutionary War, receives an honorable discharge signed by George Washington.

1875—The Republican National Convention meets in Philadelphia, PA, marking the significant participation of three African-American delegates: Robert E. Elliot, St. Joseph Rainey and John L. Lynch of MS.

1954-A three-judge federal court rules that racial segregation on Montgomery city buses is unconstitutional, ending the Montgomery bus boycott.

1973-Doris A. Davis of Connetquot, CA, becomes the first African-American female to govern a metropolitan city.

JUNE 6
 1869—Dillard University is chartered in New Orleans, LA.

1939—Martin Wright (later Edelman) is born in Bennettsville, SC. She is the first African-American female admitted to the bar in Mississippi.

1944-The 320th Negro Anti-Aircraft Trench Battalion Bandits assists in the D-Day invasion in Normandy, France.

1947—Photographer Harrison Branch is born in New York City.

1966—James Meredith is wounded by a white sniper on the second day of the Memphis, TN, march, leading to the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr.

1971—Gwendolyn Brooks is born in Chicago, IL. She is the first African-American woman to win the Pulitzer Prize for poetry.

1980-The New York Times capitalizes the word Negro "in recognition of racial pride for those who have been for generations in the lowercase."

1942—Nikki Giovanni, poet and author, is born in Knoxville, TN.

1967—Lloyd Richards wins a Tony as best director for the August Wilson play Fences.

JUNE 8
 1853—The Supreme Court bans segregation in restaurants in Washington, DC.

1969—Bill Cosby wins an Emmy for a variety special. It is his fourth Emmy award.

1982—Leroy "Satchel" Paige, pitcher in the Negro League and the first African-American pitcher in the American League, dies.

JUNE 9
 1877—Scoutman Vann Warwick (later Fuller) is born in Philadelphia, PA.

1978-Larry Holmes wins the WBC heavyweight title by defeating Ken Norton in Las Vegas, NV.

1983—Scott Joplin, noted jazz musician and composer of ragtime music, is the sixth African American depicted in the U.S. Postal Service's Black Heritage USA commemorative series of postage stamps.

JUNE 10
 1794—Richard Allen founds Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in North America in Philadelphia, PA.

1854—James Augustine Hiley is ordained as a Catholic priest in ceremonies at Notre Dame cathedral in Paris, France.

1898—Vaughan, actress, and radio show star Hattie McDaniels is born in Wichita, KS.

1910—Chester Arthur Burnett is born in Aberdeen, MS. Better known as "Howlin' Wolf," the Delta bluesman.

1940—The famed Cotton Club in Harlem closes.

JUNE 11
 1920—Hazel Dorsey Scott is born in Port of Spain, Trinidad. A child prodigy, she will enroll at New York City's Juilliard School and star in nightclubs, Broadway shows, and films.

1930—Charles Rangel is born in New York City. He served on the House Judiciary Committee hearing on the impeachment of President Richard M. Nixon.

1964—Irish Gaelic, Nelson Mandela is sentenced to life imprisonment for allegedly attempting to sabotage the white South African government.

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COMMUNITY REPORT

The Alliance C.A.M.P.

A special section for Black Corporate Employee newsletters



Joe Durham
President, NJ Chapter
Alliance of Black
Telecommunications
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I am very happy to be writing to you in the first edition of the Corporate Section of *City News*. I would like to extend a special thanks to the Communication Committee and *City News* for putting this together. With the level of commitment displayed in establishing this partnership, we can accomplish anything. Also, this helps to support, and we hope continue to create, a statewide African-American newspaper that will carry news that is pertinent to our community. So this is a testament to all who put this together for modeling the commitment we need as a people to accom-

plish our goals.

Thus far this year we have had a very active, and what I hope has been, a very productive year. We have had a celebration for Pete Rhinehart, who is retiring, a Black History Month event, featuring Calvin Butts, a Job Fair, and an Investment Night to help employees who were leaving AT&T to make good decision about their money.

Although The Alliance has a long history of providing both assistance and solutions to a myriad of problems, the changes in the corporate environment, coupled with various political and social changes, have made us shift our direction. As we move forward, we plan to take a more active role in these issues.

Through open dialogue with African Americans inside and outside of AT&T, as well as community leaders, we have been able to identify the key areas of concern in which The Alliance can provide assistance. As a result, we have developed a strategic plan to deal with these issues. In developing this plan, we began to realize that our role as an organization must change. In the past we viewed our role as having to deal solely with what was going on inside the walls of AT&T. We now recognize that the establishment of collaborative efforts with all segments of the African-American community, along with key components of the community at large, that we can most effec-

tively and efficiently improve the quality of life for everyone. As a result, the New Jersey Chapter is diligently working to implement the strategic plan that will move us in that direction. One of our key goals and objectives, included in our strategic plan, is the establishment of Technology Empowerment Centers throughout New Jersey.

In addition, we are also initiating actions in an effort to foster greater and better cooperation among African Americans in the New Jersey corporate environment. We are also working toward the realization of our dream of opening a permanent office location for our chapter.

In support of our exciting and challenging strategic thrusts, we are inviting you to become a member of our chapter. The Membership Fee is \$50.00 per year. This membership fee will be used to fund programs such as the following:

I. Professional Development Programs

Job Aids, Protocol M-Job Aid Circulation, Corporate Forums for Networking with other companies

II. Community Development Program

New Brunswick High School Mentoring Program, Youth Entrepreneur Program, Technology Empowerment Center, Church Forums, United Negro College Fund Banquet

III. Economic Development

Summer Internship-Community Development Corporation, Consumer and Business support networks

These are only a few examples of the programs that we offer. By becoming a member, we will have your added support. However, if you are unable to commit to a membership at this time, we are asking you to donate to help support our activities.

Please bear in mind that even if you join, you should feel free to make an additional donation in support of helping to build Technology Empowerment Centers and establishing economic development programs through the Chapter Community Development Corporation.

In closing, I am asking you to help us help make a difference in our communities by joining and/or making a financial contribution today. I want to reemphasize that your contribution will help ensure that the Information Super Highway will have an off ramp in the African-American community. Your support of the Alliance is greatly appreciated and appreciated.

By the way, please feel free to invite a friend to join and/or make a donation.

Joseph T. Durham
President, NJ Headquarters
Chapter The Alliance of Black
Telecommunications Employees, Inc.



Maurice Brown, president of C.A.M.P.

What is C.A.M.P.

On behalf of the Council of Action for Minority Professionals, Inc. (CAMP), we would like to bid you a warm and appreciative welcome to an overview of our organization.

Founded in 1983, CAMP is an organization of devoted managers and associates at Bell Atlantic, New Jersey, dedicated to promoting individual growth and development for its members and to providing an avenue of exchange between its members and Bell Atlantic corporate management. CAMP's mission is to educate its members on how to succeed within a corporate environment via general membership meetings and via the Consortium of Information and Telecommunications Executives, Inc. (CITE) conference developmental workshops and seminars.

In addition, we are committed to supporting our communities by our annual scholarship awards distributed to urban high school students, our annual toy drive which is distributed to the battered women's shelter in the Mercer County area and the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMDNJ) for children afflicted with lead poisoning, and on an ongoing basis, a clothing drive which is divided between the homeless and the battered women's shelter.

Through the years, CAMP has provided the vehicle for strengthening development of organizational and leadership skills by becoming members of various organizations, such as: CITE, the National Association of Black Telecommunications Professionals (NABTP); National Association of Minorities in Cable (NAMIC) and the National Hispanic Employee Association (NHEA). In partnering with these organizations, CAMP believes and understands that collectively we possess the experience, skills and level of understanding necessary to be change agents as Bell Atlantic forges toward excellence through diversity.

We endeavor, therefore, to build and secure the platform within Bell Atlantic on which boundlessly diverse ideas, products and services can be offered to an increasingly multi-cultural customer and employee base.

At the 1996 CAMP Retreat held on Sunday, February 18, Maurice Brown, CAMP's president proudly introduced the 1996 CAMP executive board.

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Community Relations—Activities

The Community Relations North (CRN) will continue their clothing and toy drives in 1996. They are also conducting a Voter Registration drive. CRN is asking that you encourage family, friends and young adults who have reached voting age to register. They should be reminded that the right to vote is an individual choice, however, it is also a privilege that we cannot afford to disregard. It is equally important to inform your vote once you have registered.

Every vote counts! For more information or for meeting dates and times contact Lomeneise Wiseman at 201-649-7778.

Community Relations South will hold monthly meetings one Saturday a month from 9 to 11 a.m. For more information on meeting dates and locations join C.R.S. please call Karly Hornsby at 609-599-8480; voice mail #4110040.

This year, in addition to continuing the clothing and toy drives, some of our members have become certified to do volunteer work at Helene Fuld Medical Center in Trenton, NJ. C.R.S. will also attempt, for the first time in the downstate area, to have a "Family Fun Day in the Park" scholarship fundraiser in August. Details will be provided at a later date.

Ways and Means

The goal of the Ways and Means committee is to develop creative activities, programs and fundraisers that inspire interest and unity while enhancing the value of Bell Atlantic employees.

CAMP Ways and Means, under new leadership, has planned a stimulating fundraising calendar for 1996. The activities listed below are designed to ensure financial growth for the organization and some good times for all who attend.

- Be a CAMP supporter. Use the four step plan.
- 1 - Browse the calendar of events.
- 2 - Select at least one function that you will attend.
- 3 - Mark your calendar and make a personal commitment to be there.
- 4 - Come and bring a friend

Friday-Sunday June 7-9	Women's Retreat
Saturday July 20	Baseball Game "Youth"
Friday August 23	Scholarship Fund Raiser After Work Party
Saturday October 12	Gospel Night
Saturday December 7	4th Annual Scholarship and Recognition Awards Dinner

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Early Registration CITE conference - Remember to re-register if your expiration date on your American Express card has changed since you registered for the conference.

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Concerned Citizens discuss Economic Issues

An Economic Development Committee meeting was held on Saturday, March 16, and was attended by representatives and members from several organizations. Among them were members of the New Jersey Branch of the Alliance of Black Telecommunications Employees, Inc. (The Alliance), New Jersey Public Policy Research Institute (NJPPRI), Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUD), National Association of Black Accountants (NABA), 100 Black Men, Million Man March, Merrill Lynch, Bell Atlantic, employees of AT&T, and some independent business owners.

The Economic Development Committee is an outgrowth of the Alliance of Black Telecommunications Employees, Inc. Its mission is to effectively use collective resources, both human and capital, to be the catalyst to achieve economic independence and enrichment of people of African descent.

The goal of the EDC is to improve the economic condition, with regards to wealth, income, ownership and control, of people of African descent. It aims to achieve not only the wealth but income parity and 50 per cent of intra-community commerce.

The highly effective, professional and committed group has formed several sub-committees, each with specific functions in its area of expertise. The sub-committees are working with developing and implementing plans which, when taken together, would

allow the EDC to achieve its goal. There are currently eleven sub-committees.

- The Business Support arm is structured to provide services and training, on a volunteer basis, to people of African descent in the business community.

- The Capital Formation group determines the vehicle(s) to facilitate financial resource pooling and utilizes the funds to support the developmental requirements of people of African descent.

- The Business Development group establishes a framework of business development support for the community and engages in the process of establishing and/or operating such businesses.

- Consumer Support works to improve capital turnover in the community and engages in the process of establishing and/or operating such businesses.

- Youth Entrepreneur Programs are aimed at increasing awareness and understanding of financial issues and business entrepreneurship among high school youths of African descent.

- The Communication and Awareness sub-committee uses a

comprehensive communication strategy to increase understanding and awareness of the economic issues facing people of African descent.

- Research, Analysis and Planning gathers and analyzes minority income and spending patterns to provide actionable recommendations for economic growth and development in support of the major strategy initiatives of the EDC.

- Information Systems provide information systems support for EDC activity.

- Church Forum and Corporate

Rev. Calvin Butts celebrates Black History Month with the Alliance

The Alliance of Black Telecommunications Employees, Inc., an employee resource group of AT&T, recently celebrated Black History Month with the Reverend Dr. Calvin D. Butts. The Alliance used its regularly scheduled General Body Meeting to welcome Dr. Butts and to reflect on Black History Month. Reverend Butts, the pastor of the Abyssinian Baptist Church in Harlem, NY, used his speaking opportunity to urge corporate African Americans to continue to use their talents wisely. He challenged the audience to ask themselves, "What have you done with your talent lately?" With his typical oratorical talent, Dr. Butts reminded the audience of the spiritual link that must be maintained with those brothers and sisters who have not been afforded the same opportunities as some of those in corporate America.

Dr. Butts is no stranger to the Alliance or AT&T, having spoken most recently at the National Professional Development Conference held last August in New York City. The membership and guests enjoyed a fine evening of fellowship with the evening focused on the message of the evening—service to others. The recurring theme of the evening was that one of the greatest things we can do to serve others is whatever capacity we are able. The message was a very timely one for those in attendance. Given the uncertainty which exists today in corporate America, it is more

important now than ever before that African Americans continue to reach beyond the walls of the company. The Alliance offers many opportunities to serve. There are numerous committees and sub-committees working hard toward the unification and uplifting of the black community and in support of The Alliance's strategic thrusts. There are always opportunities to get involved regardless of your area of interest. The Economic Development Committee is actively working toward capital formation and turnover in our communities on many different fronts. The Professional Networking Committee is constantly expanding the bounds of The Alliance by seeking to link its efforts with those of our churches and other corporate organizations with similar community goals. There are also opportunities to serve within the corporate structure through the Professional Development Committee. This committee provides opportunities for African-American employees to gain valuable skills which may not normally be afforded them. Work on these and other committees provides opportunities to develop leadership and project management skills as well as networking opportunities.

If you've wanted to get involved before and didn't know how, my suggestion would be that you come on out and see what The Alliance is doing and I'm sure you will find numerous "opportunities to serve."

ALLIANCE 1996 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Alliance General Body Meeting

Date	Day	Time	Location
June 25	Tues	5:30-8 p.m.	Bridgewater
July 30	Tues	5:30-8 p.m.	Basking Ridge Conf. Rm. B

EDC Meetings

The meetings will be held in Bridgewater, 22B01 (or posted), from 6:00-8:30 p.m.

Date	Day	Time and Location
Jun 18	Tues	6 - 8:30 p.m., Bridgewater
Jul 23	Tues	6 - 8:30 p.m., Bridgewater
Aug 20	Tues	6 - 8:30 p.m., Bridgewater
Sep 17	Tues	6 - 8:30 p.m., Bridgewater
Oct 22	Tues	6 - 8:30 p.m., Bridgewater
Nov 19	Tues	6 - 8:30 p.m., Bridgewater
Dec 18	Wed	6 - 8:30 p.m., Bridgewater

February 1996 Black History Month Celebration

A spirited team of K&M Bell employees the 412 Mt. Kent Plaza campus in Morristown, NJ worked tirelessly to put on a Black History Month celebration that will not likely be forgotten anyone soon.

The group reached out to both the internal and external AT&T community for talent and acts that would support the theme of "We're All A Part of the Circle of Life." The team sponsored four activities during the February 1996 Black History Month celebration.

Michelle L. Tuck, Mayor of Princeton Township NJ kicked off the February 1, 1996 festivities with a dynamic speech on how African Americans have contributed to the 60-year history of life. Other participants on the kick-off program included Michael Johnson, of AT&T's Corporate ITSCIO; Joe Daily of Consumer Services; Gabe Evans of CFO/Tax and Annette Duah of CFO/Tax.

On February 15, the celebration took on an international flavor by recognizing the cultural contributions of the Caribbean islands. Ms. Patricia Thomas of AT&T International Consumer Long Distance Marketing introduced Mr. Herman Hall, publisher for "Everybody's Magazine" as the keynote speaker

for the program. Next, the Denise Emile Band with Yanick Etienne gave lively renditions of music that has gained popularity throughout the Caribbean islands. Lastly the audience got the opportunity to satisfy their taste buds with food samples prepared by a local Caribbean restaurant.

The youth from community schools demonstrated their talents of dance, poetry reading and music before the AT&T audience on February 22, when the planning committee hosted a Youth Day celebration. Participants on this program included the Boys & Girls Club of Easton, Pennsylvania, AT&T Adopt a School Students from Fred Mar. tin School, PS #41 in Jersey City, NJ and students from the Gifted School. Tye Husband, Youth Minister of First Baptist Church, in Somerset, NJ encouraged the students to become spiritually focused as they perfected their skills and talents.

"Taste of Heritage" a sampling of foods popular in the African American community was the finale of the Black History celebration. The audience savored a variety of cuisine while listening to the joyous Souls of Integrity Choir from Newark, NJ.

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JUNE 5 - JULY 21
MILBURN—Evita by Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice at the Paper Mill Playhouse. For info call 201-376-4343.

THURSDAY, JUNE 6
HOBOKEN—The City of Hoboken and Projected Images kicks off its "Movies Under the Stars" with an American in Paris at 9 p.m. For more info call 201-217-4077.

FRIDAY, JUNE 7
ATLANTIC CITY—The Grand Casino Resort presents the Julie Caesar Chavez and Oscar De La Hoya fight at 9 p.m. For more info call 1-800-736-1420.

WESTBURY, NY—CD 101 9 o'clocks Gerald Albright, Waller Beasley, Art Farmer and Bobby Watson to the Westbury Music Fair at 8 p.m. For more info call 516-334-0800.

SOUTH AMBOY—Club Bené presents singer, songwriter Phoebe Snow at 9 p.m. For more info call 908-727-3000.

SATURDAY, JUNE 8
PLAINFIELD—The Plainfield North Plainfield YMCA will host "Starry, Starry Night," a dance and auction to benefit building renovations. For info call 908-756-3836.

THURSDAY, JUNE 6
NEWARK—"With All Deliberate Speed" Revisiting Race & Education" a historical perspective on desegregation and education, at Aljira. For more info call 201-643-6877.

NEW YORK—George George and Mahe Beloville Ballroom Orchestra will perform at Supper Club. For more info call 718-956-0482.

JUNE 6 AND 9
BROOKLYN—651 presents the New York debut of Compagnie Ebene at the BAM music theater. For more info call 718-636-1181.

SUNDAY, JUNE 9
NEW YORK—Misty Mayzoni Festival's 30th anniversary kicks off with the Concerto for Six Trumpets, Symphony No. 41 and Sofia Simfonia concertante at Avery Fisher Hall.

MONDAY, JUNE 10
NEW YORK—An Evening at Carnegie Hall featuring Betty Buckley with the American Theatre Orchestra. For more info call 212-840-0770.

JUNE 11 AND 12
HOBOKEN—Projected Images presents "Indoors at the Shannon Lounge" with City of Lost Children at 7:30 p.m. For more info call 201-217-4077.

THURSDAY, JULY 26
NEW YORK—In My Father's House by Sam-Art Williams, a world premiere at the Billie Holiday Theatre. For more info call 718-636-0918.

NEW BRUNSWICK—"Ethiopia" Photographs of Elie Dornit at Crossroads Theatre. The exhibit tells the stories of the people Dornit came in contact with in Ethiopia. For info call 908-248-5500.

Calendar listings should be sent two weeks in advance to ensure publication

NJ contestants needed for Mrs. America Pageant

JACKSON—Mrs. America Pageant, celebrating its 20th anniversary, is still accepting applications for the 1996 pageant year. The pageant will be held at the Doubletree Hotel, in Somerset on Sunday, June 30, at 2 p.m.

Prospective candidates must be at least 18 years old, currently married, a U.S. citizen, and a resident of New Jersey for at least six months. Ladies interested in entering the pageant must submit a current snapshot and a brief biography of themselves.

The New Jersey winner will receive an all expenses paid trip to participate in the Mrs. America Pageant held in Las Vegas, NV from September 12 to 21. The gold, silver, and diamond crown ring, pageant training instruction, official Mrs. America custom designed Swarovski crystal tiara, trophy, cash and more.

Part proceeds from the pageant will be donated to the Associated Humane Society, Popcorn Park Zoo, Forked River, NJ. To receive your official application, by the June 10 deadline call, 908-928-9050.

IAAAM celebrates 17th anniversary of Black Music Month

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—As a celebration of Black Music Month, the International Association of African-American Music (IAAAM) is poised to herald the event with its annual celebration. Scheduled for June 14 to 16 in the nation's capital, the 17th IAAAM celebration will attract members of the music industry including music executives, recording artists, radio disc-jockeys, retailers, music aspirants and music lovers.

This year's celebration will commemorate the 17th anniversary of Black Music Month. Honorary chairpersons for the event are Congressman Chaka Fattah of Philadelphia, The

Tonight Show's Music Director, Kevin Eubanks, Tribute recording artist, Yolanda Adams, songstress Jean Carne and Virgin recording artist Leroy Kravitz.

The celebration will include workshops and symposiums focusing on a variety of musical issues as well as artist showcases, tributes to music legends and a prayer breakfast.

A special emphasis will be placed on the "Freedom Vote" campaign as IAAAM joins hands with the Women's Crusade, The Sony Worldwide Network, Radio One, The National Association of Black-Owned Broadcasters and others dedicated to

mobilizing the black community to register and vote.

Another highlight of the celebration is the Diamond Award for Excellence concert which is slated for Saturday, June 15 at the historic Warner Theatre. Honorees include: Earth, Wind & Fire, New Edition, Gladys Knight, Chuck D, Dee Dee Bridgewater, James Mtume, International Sweethearts of Rhythm, The Jolee Brothers and Hugh Masekela. The 1996 Founders Award will be presented to Byron Lewis, CEO/Chairman of the UniWorld Group. For more information contact Karen Taylor at 201-659-6406.

Bokeem Woodbine stars in *The Rock*

by Pat Kramer

Hollywood Pictures' newest thriller, *The Rock* is the story of a dedicated U.S. soldier whose faith in the government has been eroded over the years. This soldier is Brigadier General Francis Xavier Hummel (Ed Harris) who feels he has nothing to live for other than to bring honor to the men he led into battle.

This battle for justice brings Hummel to Alcatraz Island, where he and his commandos take a group of tourists hostage. If he and his men are not given immediate reparations, Hummel plans to charge a battery of rockets charged with poison gas on the San Francisco Bay area.

Twenty-three year-old actor Bokeem Woodbine (*Strapped*, *Jason's Lyric*, *Panther*), plays the part of a terrorist soldier Sergeant Crisp in General Hummel's squad.

Woodbine is already years ahead of many in his profession, having worked on nine films in four years. In his most high profile movie, yelche is featured alongside Sean Connery, Nicholas Cage and Ed Harris.

"It was a pure and total fluke," says Woodbine of his career. While still in high school he went out on an extra call at the urging of his mother, who is an actress. She saw potential and a special quality in her son, the same quality that won him a scholarship at the prestigious Dalton School



Bokeem Woodbine is Sergeant Crisp in Hollywood Pictures' explosive drama *The Rock*.

Photo Courtesy of Hollywood Pictures

on Manhattan's Upper East Side.

For him, the prospect of work represented a way to earn money for a tattoo and with that in mind, he auditioned for the part of an extra on director Ernest Dickerson's *Juice*. Woodbine landed a stand-in part in the film and was later recalled the following year for the part in HBO's *Strapped*. Remembering that day as a turning point in his life, Woodbine says, "Something told me to go. I guess it was instinct, fate, whatever, but I didn't think I would get the gig."

But he did get that gig and others. After a year without work, by 1995 Woodbine was getting film offers from all over.

However, it is his part in *The Rock* that will launch Woodbine into the big league.

While many of his roles have been typical "bad guy" he says he tries to enhance each with his own personal style. "Characters give you certain limitations and certain freedoms because there are things that you wouldn't do," he explains.

"What I try to do is think of how I would react in that situation and then implement whatever type of limitation my character has onto that frame of mind."

As he continues to pursue his career, he hopes to portray more positive roles. "What I would like to do is branch out into a softer, gentler Bokeem," he stated.

His next project will be *Gridlock* with Tim Roth and Tupac Shakur.

Jazz organist Jimmy Smith performs at the Priory



with the second show to be heard live on WBGO 88.3 FM Radio. The Prelude is an introduction to the quarterly Jazz Priorities concert series, which will begin in October of this year, and be heard live on WBGO.

Smith, the jazz organ great, has played to sold-out houses all over the world. He's been named *Down Beat* magazine's top jazz organist every year since 1964, the year the category was created. Former child prodigy, self-taught pianist and string bassist, Smith made the

NEWARK—Legendary jazz organist Jimmy Smith will bring the mellow tune of Jazz to Newark in his performance in Jazz Priorities: The Prelude, on Thursday June 6. The event is sponsored by New Community Corporation and will be held in The Atrium of The Priory Restaurant at St. Joseph Plaza on West Market Street.

The Prelude will present Smith in two performances at 6 and 8 p.m.,

Hammond B-3, famous in jazz.

Tickets for the Jimmy Smith performance is \$20 for each show. A special offer for the evening includes show plus dinner at The Priory Restaurant, for \$45, which includes tax and gratuity. Because of limited seating, advance tickets sales are in effect for both performance/only and dinner/performance seating. Tickets may be ordered by calling 201-242-8012.

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12
NEWARK—Summer Series for Business Success at Newark International Airport from 9 a.m. to noon. For more info call 201-961-4278.

NEW YORK—The Fulfillment Management Association's Fulfillment Day in New York at the Grand Hyatt Hotel from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more info call 212-661-1410.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19
JERSEY CITY—The Department of Continuing Education of Hudson County College will present a free seminar of business loan programs and technical assistance programs from 9 a.m. to noon. For more info call 201-714-2107.

THURSDAY, JUNE 20
UNION—Special presentation including Positive Sales Attitude, Sales Goal Setting and more, at Liberty Hall Center, Elizabethtown Gas Company from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. For more info call 201-961-4278.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26
NEWARK—"Hiring, Managing and Termination of Employees" at Newark International Airport from 9 a.m. to noon. For more info call 201-961-4278.

MONDAY, JULY 10
SECAUCUS—Expo 96, New York/New Jersey Minority Purchasing Council Marketing & Business Expo Seminars and Workshops at the Sheraton Meadowlands Hotel, Trade Fair at the Meadowlands Convention Center. For info call 212-522-7632.

BRIELLE—Middlesex Chapter NJAWBO 19th Anniversary River Cruise from 8:30 to 10 p.m. For more info call 908-329-0002.

NEWARK—Discussion on various financial and record keeping controls at Newark International Airport from 9 a.m. to noon. For more info call 201-961-4278.

JUNE 10 THRU 14
WASHINGTON, DC—Successful Business to Business Product Management seminar at the AIA Main-against Center. For more info call 1-800-262-2659. For hotel reservations call the Hyatt Regency Capital Hill at 202-942-1555.

JUNE 11 THRU 12
NEW YORK—The Center for Business Marketing Information hosts a seminar exclusively for business-to-business marketers "Using RFM... The Secret Weapon of Successful Marketers." For more info call 201-857-5695.

Investors rated 'superior' for 21st consecutive quarter

MILLBURN—Investors Savings Bank has earned Bauer Financial Reports' five-star rating for strength and soundness for 21 uninterrupted quarters. It has been announced by Patrick J. Grant, president and CEO of the Millburn-based bank.

Bauer Financial Reports, Inc. is one of the country's foremost bank

rating firms, using analyses of financial data filed with regulators to determine the strength of banks and credit unions across the nation.

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can a bank receive Bauer's five-star "superior" rating.

"Investors Savings Bank has earned our highest 5-star 'superior' ratings since June 1991, which is abundant evidence of its strength and soundness," said Paul A. Bauer, president of the research firm. Investors Savings Bank's consistent perfor-

mance is the true measure of excellence in banking," he said.

Commenting on Paul Bauer's remark, Grant replied, "We are very proud of what we do and how we do it, but it is always gratifying to have our strengths and accomplishments recognized by an authority such as Bauer."

Investors Savings Bank also continually receives the highest ranking from Veribank, another independent bank rating service.

Jobs for

Newarkers job fair

NEWARK—If you are a Newark resident seeking a full-time job, the City of Newark is offering an employment opportunity through the municipally-sponsored "Newark Jobs for Newarkers Job Fair."

The fair is scheduled for Tuesday, June 11 at 11 a.m. and will run until 7 p.m. in the Newark City Hall basement rounds. Interested parties must bring three resumes and two copies of Newark residency identification, officials said.

The positions that may be available on or about September 1—ranging from clerical-skilled to professional titles—are those held by non-residents, organizers noted. Flyers concerning the job fair will be sent to local churches and community groups.

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First Union named SBA preferred lender



Pictured Rogers Campbell, (l) proprietor of the "Piccolo," children's shoe store at The Mall at Short Hills, discusses business progress with Vianella Campbell, (c) "Piccolo" general manager, and Henry Fierst, manager of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) program at First Union National Bank.

NEWARK—First Union National Bank has been named a Preferred Lender in five northeast states by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), which guarantees qualified commercial loans for approved lenders.

Stephen Lane, senior vice president, Public Affairs/Government Banking, announced recently.

With the new designation, First Union National Bank can now act as an SBA Preferred Lender in Pennsylvania, Connecticut, New York and Maryland as well as in New Jersey, for which the bank was previously qualified.

"This designation will help us in bringing new credit opportunities to small businesses throughout our footprint," said Lane, who oversees the bank's community development and government-assisted loans.

The U.S. Small Business Administration provides support for qualified small businesses which are unable to meet all the criteria for a traditional loan. Lenders who submit proposals to the SBA fall into three categories—participating, certified and preferred—depending on the success of their underwriting record in previous loan submissions. Preferred Lender status indicates a superior underwriting record in past loans.

Henry Fierst, who manages the SBA loan program for First Union National Bank, said that Preferred Lender status would enable First Union to process loans more quickly.

"As a Preferred Lender, we are able to give our customers faster answers and handle more loans than we otherwise could have," he said. SBA loans are typically term loans which spread repayment over a longer time frame.

Fierst described his portfolio of SBA loans as ranging from \$250,000 to \$500,000. Recent loans include a start-up loan for a group of pharmaceutical scientists outside Philadelphia, construction of a day-care center in South Jersey, and construction and inventory for a children's shoe store in The Mall at Short Hills, New Jersey.

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Bone marrow donors needed

NEWARK—Every year more than 30,000 children and adults in the United States are diagnosed with fatal blood diseases such as leukemia. For many of these patients, a bone marrow transplant is the only cure.

However, such a transplant is possible only when the patient and the donor have matching marrow types. John Philip DeCandia, the six-year-old grandson of Cablevision founding father John Tuta, is one of these people.

Nearly 30 percent of the patients in need will find a matched donor in their family. The other 70 percent must search for an unrelated donor. These patients will turn to the National Marrow Donor Program's (NMDP) Registry of volunteer marrow donors in the hope of finding a match.

In response to this need, Cablevision is holding a volunteer marrow donor drive on Wednesday, June 19 from 4 to 8 p.m. at 360 Central

Avenue in Newark.

At any given time the Registry is being searched on behalf of more than 2,000 patients. The odds of finding an unrelated donor vary widely, depending on the rarity of the patient's marrow type.

The odds are generally higher for African American, Asian/Pacific Islander, Hispanic and American Indian/Alaska Native patients. Because marrow types are inherited in the same way as skin, eye and hair color, the best chance of finding a donor is within the patient's racial background.

Minorities are currently underrepresented in the NMDP Registry, so the need for the minority volunteer is particularly great.

Anyone between the ages of 18

and 60, in good general health and not excessively overweight can potentially become a volunteer marrow donor. After being educated about the donation process and signing a consent form, volunteers give a small blood sample that will be tested for marrow type and listed on the NMDP Registry.

"Volunteer donor recruitment is a community responsibility, not an individual one," says Don Vignier, Director of Public and Government Affairs at Cablevision. "We want everyone to participate in this venture, which could eventually benefit them or someone else." Please call Don Vignier at 201-645-6940 if you have any further questions concerning this drive.

Recipe needed for new black church cookbook

NEW YORK, NY—Do you have a recipe for that dish your mother used to prepare when the preacher came for Sunday dinner? Or perhaps you know how to cook the molasses bread that you first ate years ago at the churchyard feast, or maybe the crab cakes that you sampled recently at a church musical retreat. Whatever the dish, it will be considered for publication in a new church cookbook.

The book will be written by Joyce White, an award-winning food editor and will feature recipes from church

members at black churches across the country, of all denominations. The book will be published by HarperCollins.

Recipes needed include: Gumbos; stews; roasts; greens and other vegetables; barbecue; fish; chicken; cakes; pies; hot breads; peas; beans; rice; macaroni and other grains, as well as appetizers. The recipes can be either "down home," fingerlickin' dishes or fancy Continental creations and can reflect African-American culture as well as the Caribbean, Africa

and Latin America.

Please submit the recipe or recipes, either typed or handwritten by June 24 to Joyce White, 355 Eighth Avenue, 18D, New York, NY, 10001. Telephone and Fax 212-924-4139.

Feel free to submit a short history of the recipe and don't forget to include your name, address, telephone number and name of church, along with the church address and telephone number. Portions of the proceeds will go to a fund for troubled teenage girls.

YWCA to host pre summer dance

PLAINFIELD—Volunteers at the YWCA of Plainfield/North Plainfield are busy planning a stellar evening of fun and festivities on June 8. Dubbed "A Starry, Starry Night," the activities will turn the first floor public area of the 70-year-old building into a summer night in Provence—complete with street scenes and sparkling lights.

The public is invited to join in the

festivities which will include big band dancing, an exciting auction and "tastings" from the region.

Event Chairperson Karen Bartlett says the fund raising event is part of the ongoing capital campaign which calls for extensive renovation and restoration of the building.

For \$40 each, guests will dance the night away to the 40's big band sound

of the Kings Road Band. The evening will feature both a silent and bidding auction, with previews beginning at 7 p.m. Libations will be served along with the "tastings."

The YWCA of Plainfield/North Plainfield is located at 232 East Front Street in Plainfield. For contributions and information call Chairperson Karen Bartlett at 908-756-7823 or the YWCA at 908-756-3836.

A traditional Muslim wedding



Iman Ali Muslim (l) with newlyweds **Marion L. Brown and Richard K. Caldwell**, both of Freehold, after he performed a traditional Muslim wedding at the Oyster Point Hotel in Freehold. The groom is founder and CEO of Caldwell & Company, a sports marketing firm based in Freehold and New York. The bride is a secretary with Marsh & McLennan of New York. Muslim resides in Newark and is the Muslim spiritual leader for New Jersey.

Photo by Avery Grant

Psychiatric racism

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offer real help, then it is a step in the right direction. It may not be an effort made to better world but it will help to reverse the social decay caused by these studies, programs and psychiatric drugs in the first place," Eastgate said.

CCHH, established by the Church of Scientology in 1969 to investigate and expose psychiatric abuse, has precisely documented the history and casualties of psychiatry's assault on dignity and life. More recently, it presented submissions on this to the new South African government along with copies of its booklet. An inquiry was called and an ensuing report recently recommended, sweeping changes to prevent psychiatric abuse from continuing. To get free copies of *Creating Racism: Psychiatry's Betrayal* call 1-800-869-2247.

Strip search

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from conducting a strip search or body-cavity search of a student under any circumstances.

"Last year's episode in Plainfield may have been isolated, but it cries out for legislation that clears up the legal ambiguities regarding student strip searches," said Green.

"When parents send their children off to school, they expect educators to obey the law—not to break the law," Cohen said. "Strip searches are for hardened criminals and drug suspects, not school children." The measure was approved by a 6 to 0 margin.

Children first

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more in the percentage of its young in jail. We need more hope for children, not more fear.

We need government and business and labor to provide summer jobs. We need adult-supervised recreation (yes, midnight basketball). We need more special programs like Mayor Daley's new summer school plan—breakfast and lunch, special classes, art, music, and recreation, for 150,000 city youngsters.

We can get our children off the jail track, and put them on the fast track. We should push the death penalty to respond to this crisis, we should not wait for Washington to act.

Death penalty

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other reason, because it is unquestionably racist. Since 1930, over 4,000 people have been executed in the U.S. Of that number, 56 percent have been African Americans or other racial minorities. Blacks and Latinos comprise together less than one-quarter of the U.S. population, but they represent nearly one-half of prisoners on death row.

The death penalty is used basically to punish those who kill or rape whites only. A famous study of capital cases some years ago showed that the killers of whites were at least 4 times more likely to receive the death penalty than those who killed African Americans. Since 1972, 84 percent of those who were executed had been convicted of killing whites; in this same period, only one white person was executed for the murder of an African American.

Throughout the entire history of

Wax museum

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history because it would quickly turn to a discussion of slavery, but we need to know the greatness of our history, particularly about the mathematics, science and art that came from Africa. The founders of the wax museum wanted a place where this greatness could be in a continuing exhibition.

The Great Blacks in Wax Museum is the nation's first wax museum of African American history, and is the brainchild of educators, Drs. Elmer and Joanne Martin, who began establishing it in 1983. The museum is located at 1601 East North Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21213. Telephone 410-563-3404.

For instance, Rev. Jackson has called on us to "Reclaim Our Youth," which is also the name of the CEF crusade to enlist ministers and church members in our nation's 50 largest cities to help our young people avoid unnecessary jail. CEF and Rev. Jackson continue to push our 5-point parent/teacher plan. Parents must take their child to school, meet their child's teacher, exchange phone numbers, pick up their child's report card every 9 weeks, and turn off the television three hours a night. As Dr. King said, "Those who would be free must strike the first blow."

this country, of the more than 18,000 executions, only 18 involved a white person being punished for killing a black person. In other words, within the criminal justice system, black people's lives have significantly less value than the lives of white Americans.

Last year, the post-apartheid government of South Africa outlawed capital punishment as a barbaric relic of the past. In this country, which now has over 1.5 million women and men incarcerated in prisons and jails, the criminal justice system is the chief method for warehousing our unemployed, poor and minority populations.

We must recognize that the death penalty, the most extreme component of this legal oppression, is nothing less than state-sanctioned murder. By outlawing legal lynching, we contribute toward building a more humane, democratic society.

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Today, efforts toward improved education, housing, business, and employment opportunities continue, spearheaded by local religious, civic, and business groups as well as

by media enterprises such as the weekly St. Louis Argus and St. Louis American, respectively the oldest and second-oldest Black-owned newspapers in St. Louis, and the weekly St. Louis Sentinel. In the political arena, the ascendancy of African-Americans is personified by Freeman R. Bosley, Jr., who was elected in 1993 as the first Black mayor of St. Louis.

Pick Up Your Local Black Newspapers: St. Louis American, St. Louis Argus, St. Louis Sentinel

ATTRACTIONS/HISTORIC SITES

Black Americans in Flight Mural
Lambert - St. Louis International
Airport, Main
314-426-8000

This 51-foot, 5-panel mural, created by artists Spencer Taylor and Solomon Thurman, depicts the aviation accomplishments of African-Americans since 1917.

Central Baptist Church
2843 Washington Ave.
314-533-0747

After the Civil War, the state's first Black political activist organization, the Missouri Equal Rights League, was established at this fourth-oldest African-American church in St. Louis (originally founded as the Second Colored Baptist Church but known in 1865 as the Eighth Street Colored Baptist Church).

First Baptist Church
3100 Bell Ave.
314-533-8003

First Baptist Church evolved from the First African Baptist Church, the city's first Black Protestant congregation. Its

early history is closely associated with the Reverend John Berry Meachum (1789-1854), who founded First African Baptist Church and became its first pastor. Meachum clandestinely operated a school for slaves at the church, and later organized a "freedom school" on a Mississippi River steamboat.

Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery
101 Memorial Drive
314-263-8691

This cemetery, the fourth largest in the country, includes the burial sites of 1,068 members of the 56th U.S. Colored Infantry, which was organized in St. Louis in 1863. The surrounding park offers beautiful vistas of the Mississippi River from a high bluff.

Lithos Gallery
6301B Delmar Blvd.
314-862-0674

This gallery spotlights the artwork and cultural achievements of African-Americans.

Martin Luther King, Jr.
Memorial Bridge
Dr. MLK, Jr. Drive at

Laclede's Landing

Spanning the Mississippi River between St. Louis, Missouri and East St. Louis, Illinois, this bridge, constructed in 1951 as the Veteran's Bridge, was renamed in 1972 for the civil rights activists assassinated four years earlier.

Scott Joplin House State Historic Site
2658 Delmar Blvd.
314-533-1003

This National Historic Landmark and state-owned historic site was home to Scott Joplin (1868-1917), the "King of Ragtime," from 1900 to 1903 - a period that signified a decisive change in his career: When Scott Joplin stopped playing piano he became a teacher as well as a composer of ragtime operas and jaunty tunes. It was at this house that Joplin composed "The Entertainer," a song that so memorably underscored the enormously popular film *The Sting* (1973) that it sparked a major revival of Joplin's music. The house features a restoration of the Joplin flat, a musical performance room, and galleries focusing on African-American history and culture.

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314-371-0973

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314-389-2214

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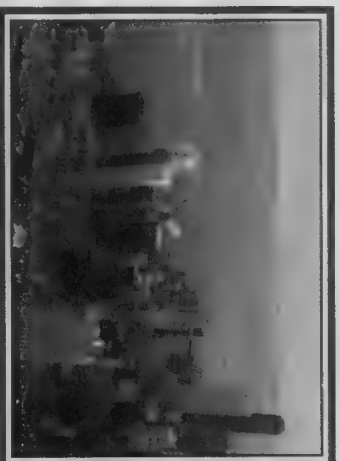
ENTERTAINMENT

30 Something Nightclub
3901 Washington @ Vandeventer
314-652-2336 (Continued on page 10)

Chicago, ILLINOIS



Harbor and city view.



Aerial view of the skyline.



Fountains and city skyline.

We do not know what dreams they dreamt in the secret councils of their sleep. These frontier people, pioneers and settlers; refugees from the house of bondage and from peonage, who came to the land of promise to work, to educate their children, to farm the land and build cities without fear of the lash or the lynch mob. These were our founding mothers and fathers - opening territories, building towns, erecting churches, starting newspapers.

Black pioneers all slaves, servants and guides - broke trail alongside French explorers, down from Canada, across the Great Lakes, and overland to the Illinois River. When Illinois passed from French into British hands in 1763 there were between 500 and 600 Black people among the 3,000 residents of the area.

Jean Baptiste Pointe DuSable came to Illinois by a different route. Chicago's founder

traveled up the Mississippi to St. Louis, Missouri, and then overland to Peoria, eventually establishing a trading post near the mouth of the Chicago River in 1779. His home, located near the present-day Wrigley Building, was the site of the city's first wedding, first recorded birth, first election, and first court. This rugged pioneer traded furs, arbitrated peace among neighboring Great Lakes tribes, and established a trading post and settlement that served English, French and Indian alike. He was, observed historian Zebina Eastman in 1886 "the Black root from which all our glory has sprung."

Pick Up Your Local Black Newspapers: *Chicago Citizen, Chicago Crusader, Chicago Defender, Chicago Independent Bulletin, Chicago Shoreland, Chicago Westside Journal, Tri-City Journal, Windy City World*

ATTRactions/HISTORIC SITES

St. Stephens A.M.E. Church

2000 West Washington Blvd.

312-666-4164

Organized in 1869 as an outgrowth of Quinn Chapel, this West Side church was the third A.M.E. church in Chicago. St. Stephens played an important role in the founding of the city's first Black hospital, Provident (1891), and under direction of former pastor Rev. Wilfred Reid, founded the non-profit housing corporation, St. Stephens Terrace Corporation, which provides 261 homes.

Harpo Studios

1058 West Washington Blvd.

312-591-9222

Call "The Oprah Winfrey Show" ticket line at least three weeks in advance for a taping reservation. Taping are usually held twice a day on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. There is no taping in the summer. Oprah Winfrey, star television talk show host and film actress, purchased this complex in late 1988. Winfrey is the first Black woman to own her own studio complex. Built in

the early 1900s, this building has been a U.S. Army armory, a "car barn" for streetcars serving the West Side and a roller skating rink. In 1952, the complex was first converted into a studio of Hollywood quality. The complex now has been completely renovated and has top-flight film production and post-production capabilities.

Chicago Historical Society

Clark Street at North Ave.

312-642-4600

The Chicago Historical Society includes among its collections a variety of materials relating to African-American history. Manuscript collections include the papers of businessman and journalist Claude Barnett; the Rev. Archibald Carey, Sr.; former Congressman Arthur Mitchell; and the scrapbooks of former alderman and civil rights leader Earl B. Dickerson. "A House Divided," an exhibit on the Civil War and Reconstruction, emphasizes the roles played by African-Americans in emancipation and its aftermath.

Johnson Publishing
820 S. Michigan Ave.

312-322-9200

In 1992 Johnson Publishing celebrated its 50th anniversary with \$274.2 million in sales, making it the nation's second largest Black-owned business. Launched in 1942 by John H. Johnson, the publishing company began with \$500 in capital; a loan secured by using Johnson's mother's furniture as collateral. Johnson's first magazine was *Negro Digest*, later renamed *Black World*. *Ebony* magazine founded in 1945, became its flagship publication and brought the Johnson publishing empire into national prominence.

Chicago Daily Defender
2400 S. Michigan Ave.

312-225-2400

Founded in 1905 by Robert Sengstacke Abbott, the *Defender* became the nation's most widely circulated Black newspaper. It attacked discrimination, segregation, and lynching and encouraged African-Americans in the south to migrate north. Simms' Blue Book and

National Negro Business and Professional Directory, published in 1928, listed the *Defender's* circulation in 1922 at 225,000 copies weekly, with an estimated total of 1.2 million readers for each edition. The *Defender* is the first of many newspapers of the Sengstacke family, which includes the *Pittsburgh Courier*, the *Tri-State Defender* and the *Michigan Chronicle*.

Chicago Urban League
4510 S. Michigan Ave.

312-285-5800

The Chicago Urban League has been fighting for fair practices in employment, education, government, housing and health care since its establishment in 1916. Initially founded to assist Black Southerners coming to northern cities during the "Great Migration," the Urban League helped newcomers to find jobs and housing in a city that was often hostile to them. The record of the League since then has been one of continued social and economic service to the African-American community. The Chicago Urban League moved to its



Chicago, ILLINOIS (continued)

modern, multi-level office facility in 1984.

Historic North Pullman Organization
10432 S. Maryland Ave.
312-928-6300

Historic North Pullman recently received a grant to refurbish the old Fire Station in Pullman, at 111th and Cottage Grove Avenue. The organization's purpose is to enlighten the public on the roles of Pullman porters.

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312-644-3865

The Retreat
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ENTERTAINMENT

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312-922-0577

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312-528-1012

Inta's
308 W. Erie
312-664-6880

Kingston Mines
2548 N. Halstead
312-477-4646

Red's Lounge
3479 S. Archer
312-376-0517

The Clique
2347 S. Michigan
312-326-0274

The Cotton Club
1710 S. Michigan
312-341-9787

The Equator Club
4715 N. Broadway
312-728-2411

The Red Onion
537 S. Dearborn
312-663-5370

The Wild Hare
3530 N. Clark
312-327-4273

SHOPPING

The Magnificent Mile

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The Merchandise Mart

Owned by the Kennedy family, it is the largest wholesale design center in the world. On the first two floors there are 50 different stores, including The Gap, Episode, The Limited, and The Coach Store. These make up "The Shops At The Mart." ■



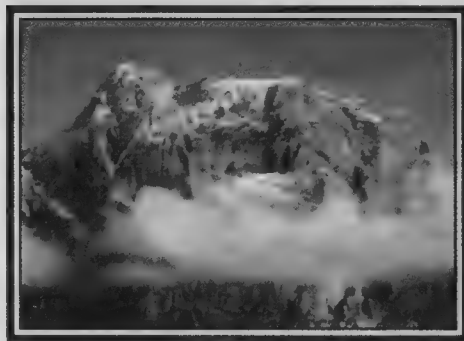
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Among early pioneers who contributed to the growth and stability of this region from the early stages of its development were men and women of African descent.

In Southern Nevada, African-Americans began to arrive before the 1920s. They were then few in numbers and settled in the Clark Townsite, which is known today as Downtown Las Vegas. However, by the early 1940s most African-Americans in Southern Nevada resided in the area then known as the McWilliams Townsite, bounded by (from north to south) Washington Avenue to Bonanza Road and (from east to west) by "A" to "H" streets. Today, that area is referred to as the Westside. Most of the residents during that period migrated from southern states in the U.S., including Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama, Texas, and Louisiana.

This migration was promulgated by the significant numbers of African-Americans hired by Basic Magnesium, Inc. to supply magnesium for the war effort during World War II. Although today larger numbers of African-Americans and other people of

African descent reside throughout the Las Vegas Valley, the Westside is still considered the hub of the African diaspora in Southern Nevada.

The years between the 1940s and early 1970s were unique for the Westside, which was basically self-contained. Las Vegas then became known as the "Black Entertainment Capital of the World" because of the large numbers of African-American entertainers who performed in the major hotels and casinos along the Las Vegas Strip — entertainers such as Sammy Davis, Jr., Ella Fitzgerald, Nat "King" Cole, Pearl Bailey, Billy Eckstine, Hazel Scott, Joe Williams, Redd Foxx, Nancy Wilson, George Kirby, Harry Belafonte, Lena Horne, The Treniers, The Ink Spots, The Checkmates, The Mills Brothers, Eartha Kitt, etc. Many businesses in the community prospered due to the influx of dollars generated by these entertainers as well as other African-Americans who visited and played on the Westside during their sojourns to Las Vegas.

Pick Up Your Local Black Newspaper: Las Vegas Sentinel Voice

ATTRACTIONS/HISTORIC SITES

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626 S. 9th St.
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Nevada State Museum

700 Twin Lakes Drive
702-486-5205

Exhibit: "East Side/West Side" on Black Entertainment and Social Life (1940-1960)

The Black Business Directory
901 West Bonanza Road, #4283
800-425-4223 / 702-646-4223

Trinity Black Art Gallery
2657 Las Vegas Blvd. North
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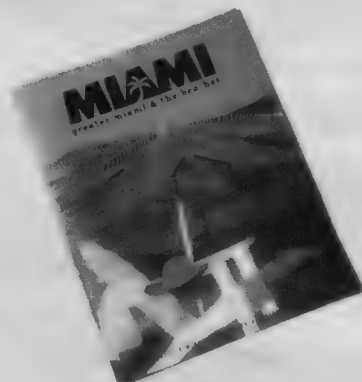


Night life in Miami.

The cultural diversity that defines Greater Miami and the Beaches today opens the door to a world of experiences for visitors. One of America's most international cities, Greater Miami and the Beaches offers a rich array of exotic cuisine, nightlife, festivals, shopping, attractions, arts and architecture—all with the advantages of a U.S. destination.

Greater Miami and the Beaches' modern ethnic mix is only the latest chapter of the city's rich cultural heritage. Various populations converged here through the years to carve a cosmopolitan, progressive city out of what was once little more than a bayfront jungle speared by a verdant river. African-Americans—in addition to Hispanics, Jewish, Caribbean, and Native American residents have most significantly contributed to the city's cultural heritage, adding their own special accent to Miami's ethnic flavor.

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In 1977, the Black Archives, History and Research Foundation of South Florida was conceived as a means of tracking and recording Black contributions to Miami. During the 1980s, the Black Archives established Miami/Dade County's Black Heritage Trail, which maps out self-guided tours which include many of the neighborhood historic sites below. For more information call 305-636-2390.

OVERTOWN

Once the thriving center of Miami's African-American community, Overtown is enjoying a rebirth that began in the 1980s with the opening of the Miami Arena, home of the Miami Heat basketball team. Overtown Historic Village, opening this year, includes restored buildings, such as the D.A. Dorsey House, home of Miami's first African-American millionaire; the Greater Bethel AME Church; Mount Zion Baptist Church; and the soon-to-be-restored Lyric Theater, Miami's first theater graced during the 1940s and 1950s by jazz legends Nat King Cole, Louis Armstrong and Lena Horne. The Chapman House, home of one of Overtown's early prominent physicians during the 1920s and 1930s, stands proudly as a symbol of Overtown's vibrant past. The nearby Historical Museum of Southern Florida in Downtown Miami beckon for explanation. North of Overtown in historic Liberty City lies the African Heritage Cultural Arts Center, where dancers, singers, theater groups and artists train and perform throughout the year.

COCONUT GROVE

Settled during the 1860s, historic, beautiful Coconut Grove began to prosper in 1882 as a winter tourism haven with the opening of the Bay View House (later known as the Peacock Inn). By the time Miami was incorporated in 1896, Coconut Grove was a thriving community, with a school, yacht club, several churches and a library. The area is home to Miami's first Black settlement, Bahamian immigrants who helped build much of what is now one of the most colorful and distinctive neighborhoods in Miami. Popular tourist spots include shopping/entertainment complexes CocoWalk and the Shops at Mayfair. Step around the corner into history on Charles Avenue, where many of the original Bahamian settlers' homes still stand—including the Mariah House, home of the first Bahamian settler—and historic cemetery proudly marks their burial sites. The Stirrup House, named after a Black land tycoon, is right behind the Coconut Grove Playhouse. Other interesting attractions include the Miami Science Museum and Planetarium and Vizcaya Museum and Gardens, an elaborate Renaissance-style villa built in 1916 on Biscayne Bay, featuring 15th to 19th century art and furnishings.

LITTLE HAITI

Once known as Lemon City when the fragrance of early settlers' lemon groves filled the air, this community is now named for the influx of Haitian immigrants throughout the last decade. It is a vibrant community, with an interesting blend of Caribbean culture and American spirit. (Continued on page 10)

STATE OF FLORIDA

THE ROAD HOME ALONG FLORIDA'S BLACK HERITAGE TRAILS



Sails up in beautiful Florida.

Discover the road home along Florida's Black Heritage Trails. Beginning at the northern reaches of Pensacola and continuing to the southern most point in Key West, the Trails offer insight into the contributions made by African-Americans, contributions that are tightly woven into the rich tapestry of Florida's history.

Step into the past along the Trail of Museums of Art and History and tour the Julee Cottage, the first dwelling in Pensacola purchased in 1805 by Julee Panton, a free woman of color, who sought to emancipate her fellow slaves.

Stroll along the streets of Historic Black Settlements and Early Communities and visit Eatonville, a town steep in rural black folklore that made its most noted resident, Zora Neale Hurston, posthumously famous for her novels and stories.

Follow the footsteps of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and baseball legend Jackie Robinson as they encouraged peaceful demonstration for the Struggle for Freedom and Justice on the steps of the St. Paul A.M.E. Church in St. Augustine in 1964.

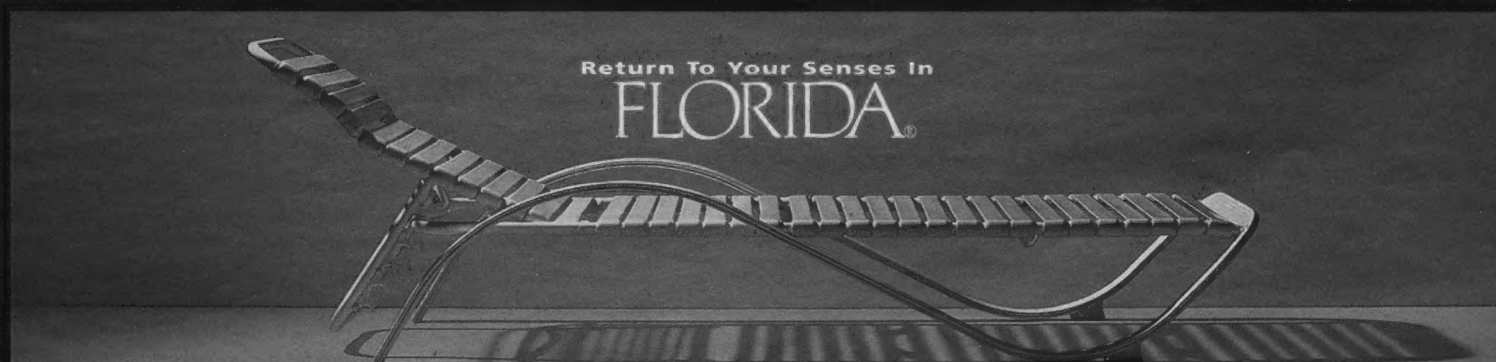
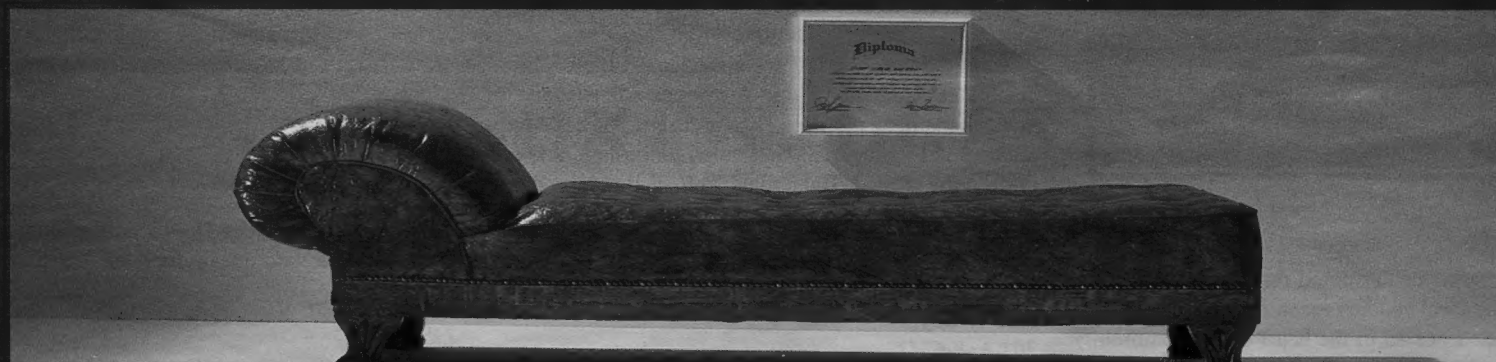


Dining out.

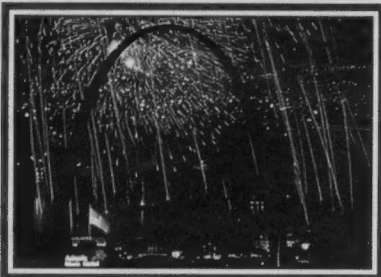
And, experience the vision of Mary McLeod Bethune along the Trail of Higher Learning, who with only \$1.50 and five students opened the first school for Black girls in Daytona Beach, later to be known as Bethune-Cookman College.

These are just a few of the historical sites, communities and landmarks memorialized along the Trails that pay tribute to the achievements of Florida's African-Americans. It's totally different than anything else you'll ever see in Florida, and it's yours to discover.

Pick Up Your Local Black Newspapers: Broward Times, Bulletin, Capital Outlook, Community Voice, Daytona Times, Florida Advocate, Florida Courier, Florida Dollar Stretcher, Florida Photo News, Florida Sentinel Bulletin, Florida Star, Jacksonville Advocate, Jacksonville Free Press, Miami Times, New American Press, Orlando Times, Palm Beach Gazette, Pensacola Voice, Weekly Challenger, Westside Gazette. ■



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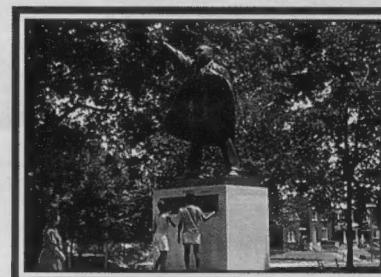
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A unique shopping center noted for its exotic architecture, where the local vendors reach for their piece of the American pie. Located in the heart of the community, it was designed to resemble the Iron Market in Port-au-Prince.

ANNUAL FESTIVALS & EVENTS

Black Heritage Month Celebration - Various Locations
305-636-2390

February features the Black Heritage Month Celebration, a month-long showcase of African-American theater, music, poetry, art exhibits, a street festival and more.

Roots & Culture Annual Festival
305-751-4222

This Caribbean Festival kicks up in May, celebrating the rich culture of the island with arts and crafts, music, dance, theater, and cuisine.

Youth Choir Festival (Late Spring)
Downtown Miami
305-696-4450

Celebrates Liberty City's African-American children at the Gusman Center for the Performing Arts.

Miami/Bahamas Goombay Festival (June)
Downtown Coconut Grove
305-372-9966

The largest Black heritage festival in the U.S. Goombay celebrates the culture and historical significance of these Bahamian pioneers. Featured are live entertainment, a sailing regatta, continuous limbo line, arts and crafts, the Royal Bahamian Police Band, and the Junkanoo Band.

Black Music Month
Festival (June)
Liberty City
305-638-6771

African-American music is celebrated with various programs at the African Heritage Cultural Arts Center and Joseph Caleb Auditorium.

Centennial Tea - Various Locations
305-636-2390

Held every July on the closest Sunday to Miami's birthday (July 28, 1896), this event celebrates the contributions of the pioneer Black families and churches.

Annual African-American Heritage Festival (June)
305-247-9306

Celebrates African-American heritage with music, dance and art.

Miami Reggae Festival (August)
Downtown Miami
305-891-2944

Billed as one of the largest reggae events in the United States, featuring arts, crafts, food and a full day of local, national and international musical acts, including some of the biggest names in the world of reggae.

Raisin Haitian Roots
Music Festival (November)
Downtown Miami
305-757-9555

This festival celebrates Haiti's rich cultural heritage at Bayfront Park with music, food and dance.

Sunstreet Festival
Liberty City
305-751-8648

Greater Miami's African-American culture is also highlighted during this annual festival in early December, which includes a parade and local entertainment.

Kwanzaa (December)
Liberty City
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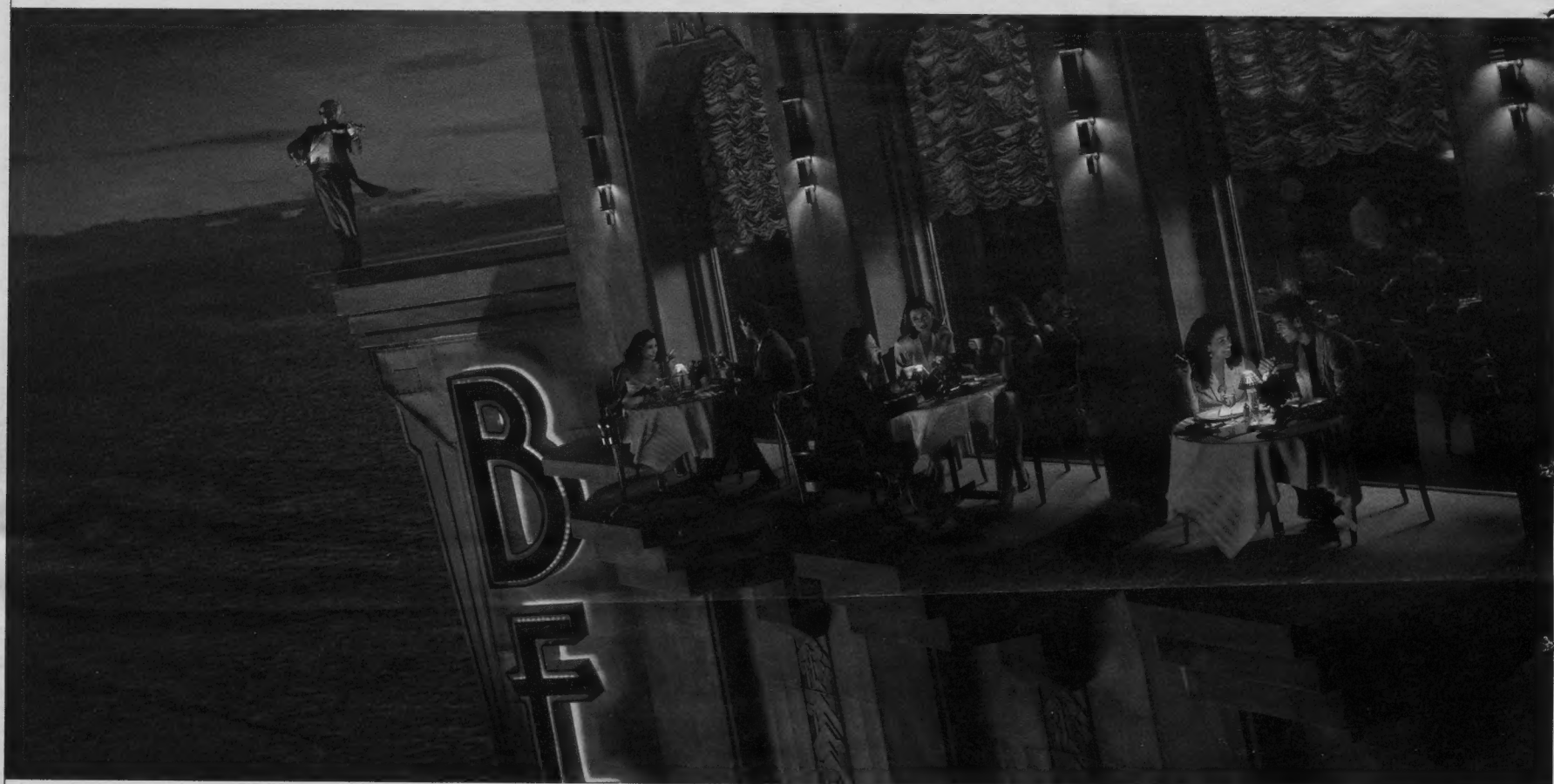
The annual African Thanksgiving Celebration held locally each December, features music, dance, drama, and visual arts. ■

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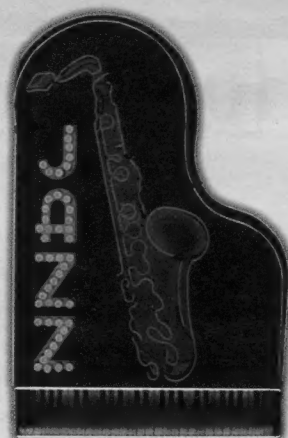
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